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Colony's Message To The Princess

When the guns of HMS Sussex boomed out at 8 o'clock this morning marking the birth of the royal baby, Hongkong became all agog, and 15 telephone enquiries were answered by the Hongkong Telegraph during the next 20 minutes.

The office's telephones continued to ring throughout the morning, almost every caller putting the same question, "Is it a boy or a girl?"

HMS Sussex fired a 41-gun salute to signify that the child was a boy, and at 10 a.m. it was officially announced that His Excellency the Governor had despatched the following telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

"On behalf of the people of Hongkong I respectfully offer heartfelt congratulations and good wishes to Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth on the birth of a son."

HM ships immediately "dressed" in honour of the occasion.

However, it was announced by the Naval Authorities this morning that the proposed fireworks display for tonight has had to be cancelled because the escort vessels are out on manoeuvres.

Five Killed In Car Accident

Manila, Nov. 15.—Five persons—two men and three young women—were killed early Sunday in the worst motor-car accident in the memory of residents along the concrete Tagaytay highway south of Manila. The lone survivor, a man escaped with minor injuries.

The six were returning to Manila from Tagaytay City when their speeding car swerved off the road near a turn and hit a huge tree stump with terrific impact. The car was completely destroyed and the bodies hurled in all directions.

A first lieutenant of the Constabulary was among the dead—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Banning Of Raffles

THE Authorities have decided to place a ban on two public sweepstakes—the annual St Vincent de Paul raffle and one organized by King George V School for the purpose of raising funds for a piano—and to date have given no reason for the action. They possess the power, of course, in fact their interpretation of the law is so precisely correct that it cannot be called into doubt. Nevertheless, the sudden interference on protecting the public from this form of gambling is not likely to be over-popular. On the contrary the public enjoy these mild stutters and they like to know they are, at the same time, supporting a deserving cause. Moreover, the protest instantly leaps to the mind that it is morally sound to permit huge sweepstakes on specified pony races, there can be no objection on the same grounds against raffles conducted by reputable organizations. It is because there is that apparent moral distinction that the public would like to be told precisely why the Authorities have banned two raffles. The bona fides of those organising them cannot be questioned. The raffle conducted by the St Vincent de Paul Society has for many years been highly popular and run in a scrupulously fair manner, while the very names of the sponsors of the school raffle guarantee its integrity. Why, therefore, should Government interfere with these wholly innocent methods of raising funds for good causes? It is a real question. The more irritating because it has been taken long after the raffles have been started, leaving the impression that the Authorities deliberately waited for them to be offered.

A SON FOR PRINCESS ELIZABETH Mother And Child Both "Doing Well"

ROYAL BIRTH AT 5.14 HK TIME THIS MORNING

London, November 14—Princess Elizabeth gave birth to a baby boy today. Both the Princess and the baby boy are reported well. The child was delivered at 9.14 p.m. (5.14 a.m. HK Time).

An official Palace announcement said: "Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, was safely delivered of a Prince at 9.14 p.m. today. Her Royal Highness and her son are both doing well."

The King and Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh remained in the palace through the early evening. The quiet crowd waiting patiently in mild weather, numbered over 6,000 at 9 p.m. Sir John Weir, physician to the King, visited the Princess this morning. He returned hurriedly at mid-evening on the advice of Sir William Gilliatt, the Princess's gynecologist.

The police informed the crowd of over 6,000 of the birth. They sent up a tremendous cheer like an American football cry which was heard inside the palace's thick walls. The crowd did not know of the birth until the Police informed them vocally some minutes after the palace official announcement when not a glimmer of light shone through the heavy curtains of the Princess's room on the second floor where the new prince was born.

The general alert was "given to the Palace" staff and servants at 7.30 p.m. GMT. All palace staff members who were absent left their telephone numbers and were immediately summoned.

The official announcement of the birth was released shortly after the arrival of Sir Alan Lascelles, the King's Secretary. First to learn of the birth was Prince Philip who was waiting in the adjoining room.

The King and Queen, wearing evening dress were waiting with him. The Queen embraced Philip and the King shook his hand warmly.

Meanwhile, in the room where the child was born, the doctors made their examinations and determined that "the mother and child are both well."

Sir William Gilliatt and Sir John Weir emerged from the conference room together and told Prince Philip: "It's a prince."

The machinery notifying the world then started into operation. Sir Alan Lascelles ordered the single word "prince" to be filled in

on each of dozens of overseas cables and "they were sent out within a minute. The first call outside the palace went to the Queen Mother, Marlborough House. Another call was placed for Princess Margaret at Sandbeck Park, Yorkshire, the home of Earl and Countess of Scarborough where the Princess spent the weekend. Queen Mary hurried to the palace as soon as she heard the news.

LORD MAYOR INFORMED
Telephone calls were put in immediately for other members of the Royal family, including the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent.

By tradition, a call was also placed to London's Lord Mayor, who officially should receive the first news outside the palace of the event.

The palace announcement broke just in time to catch the tail end of the BBC news cast. The announcement was followed immediately by the playing of the national anthem.

The pressure of the crowd outside the palace was so great as Queen Mary drove through the gates in her private car that the police were forced to shut all the gates.

A long line of cars stretched down all the roads outside the palace, was blocked from approaching closer by the swelling crowds—United Press.

EARLY LONDON SCENES
London, November 14.—Thousands of persons milled silently tonight around Buckingham Palace where all was in readiness for the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby "at any hour."

From early morning the crowd of royalty-loving Britons swelled about the Victoria Memorial in the centre of the huge circular plaza before the palace.

In the early London dusk, more than 2,000 persons still remained. Five hundred or so pressed close to the grill fence of the palace courtyard. Another 500 clambered about the marble memorial of the last reigning queen, apparently ready to settle down for the night. The rest were in the roadway.

Extra police were on hand, but their main duty was to caution motorists against sounding their horns.

There was nothing to see except soldiers of the Middlesex Regiment—London's own outfit—marching stiffly back and forth on guard duty. From time to time, the London Bobby cleared a path for the sentry's march.

TENSION IN PALACE

Inside the palace, everybody was tense except Princess Elizabeth. She lunched quietly with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh and the King and Queen. Shortly after, the Duke drove out of the palace by the side gate.

The palace staff was fully mobilised. Several times during the afternoon the crowd outside saw members of the staff gathered at the small attic windows looking out on the mass of phenomenon not extraordinary in London.

One gate was kept open and the police kept a path clear. In mid-afternoon, Sir John Weir, physician to the King, drove through in an old automobile.

The birth came six days before the first anniversary of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Philip at Westminster Abbey, November 20, 1947.

As the Princess had her first-born child, the King and Queen became grandparents for the first time and Queen Mary became a great-grandmother.

The Princess had wanted a boy and said she was sure she was going to have one. The King had wanted her to go to Sandringham, the Royal country estate near the East Coast, for the event. The Princess had wanted her boy born in the Palace which one day would be his. Outside the sprawling Palace, around the memorial to Britain's last ruling queen, Victoria, the waiting crowd shouted themselves hoarse.

Long before the baby was born, Philip paced up and down the long and lonesome corridor like any nervous father—United Press.

TRAINING FOR KINGSHIP

London, Nov. 14.—The child that was born in Buckingham Palace today may one day sit on the Throne of Britain.

From the moment it is old enough to think, the training of a future monarch will begin. From its very nursery days the child, first to be born in direct succession to the Throne since the birth of the Duke of Windsor in 1934, must be educated consciously for the public service which lies before it.

Soon after its first faltering steps it will receive its first simple lessons in the extra courtesy which is the first social duty of the British Royal Family.

No one knows better than the child's mother, that the upbringing of a future monarch differs from every other child in the world. When Princess Elizabeth was ten and a half, her "Uncle David" abdicated from the throne and she became Heiress Presumptive to the Throne. From then on her education became specialised.

SCHOOL PROBLEM
Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret have never gone to school. A Royal Family council decided against breaking the tradition, that

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STOP PRESS



A recent picture of Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, now the proud parents of a son—their firstborn.

De Gaulle Prepares For Showdown

GAINS POLITICAL STRENGTH

Paris, Nov. 14.—General Charles de Gaulle tonight prepared for a Parliamentary showdown battle with France's middle-of-the-road parties next week.

The General's 19-month-old rally of the French People, after a sweeping victory in France's upper elections a week ago, will enter the new Council Republic on Tuesday as its greatest single party. Its avowed tactics will be to hamstring all Government legislation in the hope of forcing M. Henri Queuille's shaky "coalition" Cabinet to quit and call general elections for a National Assembly by which General de Gaulle is confident of being swept back to power.

Voting for 24 seats representing France's West African and Equatorial African Colonies took place today. First election returns from the Middle Congo in French Equatorial Africa, gave two out of three seats to the General's party, the Union of the French People's Party.

Elections for another 11 Councilors, representing Madagascar, Pacific Islands, French India and Saint Pierre and Miquelon, will be held on December 19. In the meantime, France's Lower House National Assembly will name the final eight Upper House Members representing French Morocco and French residents abroad.

BROTHER AS LEADER

General Charles de Gaulle himself is not a member of either House, and the RPF leadership in the Council Republic will be taken over by his brother, Pierre de Gaulle, Mayor of Paris. The de Gaullists planned to put Pierre de Gaulle up for candidate for Council Republic President, but they are waiting today's African elections before taking the final decision.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille is fighting hard to put together the shaken third force parties in preparation for the coming showdown. His first action is expected to be to accept the resignations of Yvon Coude du Foresto, Secretary of State for Food and Alain Pothier, Secretary for Economic Affairs, both of whom were defeated in the Council Republic Elections. The national council of their party, the Catholic Popular Republicans, the chief victim of those elections today, authorised the two men to resign. It is expected that M. Queuille would ask other Cabinet Members to double in their jobs.

NO ULTIMATUM

M. Queuille's position was considerably strengthened by the decision of the MRP Council early this morning to stay inside the Cabinet. He had previously warned MRP leaders that if they pulled out, he would quit and the resulting crisis could only hasten General de Gaulle's return to power.

The Socialist last night agreed not to issue any ultimatum to M. Queuille, but they have also decided to put heavy pressure on him to carry out extensive pro-labour programme in a short time.

Life in Paris returned to that of normal on Sunday after yesterday's Communist-led 24-hour general strike which affected only transport services and newspapers, but resulted in rioting in the Western and Southern districts in which the police opened fire—United Press.

BUNCHE'S ORDER TO JEWS

Paris, Nov. 14.—The United Nations mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, today ordered the Jewish forces to give up their newly-won Negev desert bases by Friday or face possible sanctions, but the Jewish answer was a flat no.

Mr. Aubrey Eban, Jewish delegate to the United Nations, said: "The answer of Israel to the UN demand to sacrifice the Negev will be solidly and unmistakably negative."

He expressed his state's determination to bypass the United Nations and settle directly with the Arab countries.

"We've sought such negotiations in the past. We would welcome them now."

Dr. Bunche outlined the boundaries of the demilitarised "No Man's Land" which he said was ordered yesterday and directed both Israel and Egypt to pull out their forces by November 19 or face possible sanctions.

However, Mr. Eban told the opening session of the international conference on Jewish relief here that his government was determined to resist any tampering with its frontiers. He said the right of the UN to change Jewish borders by pushing the nation's armies back from newly-won territory was "strictly limited by Israel's sovereignty."

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

Mr. Eban said: "It is an obvious and self-evident truth that the territories of Israel cannot be modified without Israel's consent. That is the fundamental principle which should dominate the General Assembly's discussions."

Although Mr. Eban was speaking outside the UN, British sources said he saw the new boundaries fixed by Dr. Bunche before the plan was dispatched to Tel-Aviv yesterday.

"It is the business of the Assembly to work for peace and not for far-fetched territorial provisions. With every week that passes, our resistance grows more determined and uncompromising."

"Final determination of frontiers between Israel and its neighbours is a proper matter for negotiation between Israel and its neighbours. We have sought such negotiations in the past. We would welcome them now."

Mr. Eban denounced British policy toward Palestine and called attempts by a "certain government" to detach Jewish-controlled territory "sinister and utterly reactionary"—United Press.

CONVOY WAITING

Haifa, Nov. 14.—The first convoy of non-military supplies for the encircled Egyptians at Faluja and Iraq Suweidan in the northern Negev area is ready to leave Gaza, according to senior United Nations observers' reports received here.

Its departure awaits the Israeli reply to a message from the acting mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, asking the Israeli authorities to allow the passage of the convoy.

Bad weather has interrupted the United Nations air communications between Beirut and Haifa. Two American destroyers based in Haifa Bay for patrol duty with the United Nations have left for the high seas—Reuters.

THE BERLIN DISPUTE

Powers To Study Lie-Evatt Proposals

Paris, Nov. 14.—Britain will propose tomorrow that the three Western powers should meet here on Tuesday to discuss the Lie-Evatt appeal for a new effort to solve the Berlin dispute, it was learned here today.

Mr. Hector McNeill, the Minister of State, is returning here to represent Mr. Ernest Bevin at such a meeting with Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, and M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister.

The British view is understood to be that the position taken up by the three Foreign Ministers in their communiqué of October 17—that the Berlin matter is one for the Security Council—still stands.

Mr. Lewis Douglas, the United States Ambassador in London, who has arrived here, will see Mr. Marshall and the Berlin question is one of the main points they will discuss, according to usually reliable sources.

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Communists Pounded By The Nationalists Air Force

Nanking, Nov. 14.—A high official told United Press today that Government planes were pounding Communist positions around Hsuechow in day-long raids in a blitz converging on the strategic railhub of four major bases.

Apparently it was the first time in the civil war that the Air Force has unleashed its full power against a single objective.

Military observers credit the air operation as contributing heavily to the Nationalist effort in what is shaping up as the war's biggest battle. The Reds reached within 10 miles from Hsuechow airfield.

The Communist radio broadcast from North Shensi tonight claimed victories in practically the same area where the government announced successes up to November 12. The broadcast said that a full-scale offensive was going on for Hsuechow on all sides. Saying there were fundamental changes in the general China war picture, the Red radio claimed superiority numerically as well as qualitatively.

in all sectors and forecast that one more year of fighting is required to overthrow the Kuomintang throughout the nation.

Central News reported that the government flung in armoured corps commanded personally by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's second son, Col. Chiang Wei-kuo, into the battle in the Ninghsung-Tahschia area, 33 miles east and southeast of Hsuechow. Small Communist units penetrating into Tahschia, 10 miles west of Hsuechow, were repulsed and are now heading eastward along the Lushan line.

It was also reported that the rail communications between Nanking and Hsuechow disrupted by the Communists on Saturday were resumed this morning—United Press.

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WOMANSENSE

Housework Is Hard . . . So Take It Easy

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK.—Heaving heavy furniture and racing upstairs with an armload of groceries shouldn't happen to any housewife.

Tips on taking it easy with the housework were just published by the New York Heart Association, along with a display of a model work-saving kitchen. But a housewife doesn't need to have a heart condition to profit from the advice.

The model kitchen helped housewives to sit as much as possible when they worked. A specially built chair with a foot rest replaced the customary kitchen stool. Sit while you iron, while you prepare the vegetables and while you mix the pie crust, advised the heart association. The chair had casters on the back legs only so there was no chance of its slipping, but it could easily be moved from work area to work area with only a slight tilt.

A rocking chair was placed in the breakfast room adjoining the kitchen so the housewife could relax and read or sew while she kept

an eye on the dinner. A small cupboard between the baking area and the sink held pans and mixing bowls easily reachable without moving from the work chair. There was a long handle on the dust pan to save stooping and no out-of-reach cabinets. A portable work table, meant dishes could be assembled and wheeled easily to the dining table in a single trip.

Rhythm In Work

The researchers for Heart Association discovered that the women who seemed to ease through the household tasks best were the ones who had a "rhythm in their work." If you have tremendous physical or emotional drive that keeps you moving rapidly, the researchers suggest slowing down to music. Use records or a radio programme to give you serene music. Remember that fast walking takes one and one-half times as much energy as slow walking; walking upstairs takes seven times more energy than walking on level ground.

An industrial company unwittingly backed up the Heart Association's drive by releasing the results of a 24-day test on handling clothes on an outdoor line.

One woman walked 15 miles to hang 50 loads of clothes, and lifted over her head more than 350 pounds of wet clothes, according to the survey by the Westinghouse Home Economics Institute. She wouldn't have worked harder if she had lifted 10 bushels of tomatoes onto a six-foot high shelf.

Here are some other things that happened in those 24 summer days of hanging out clothes:

Was Not Happy

Five days out of the 24 it rained. Nine other days were so cloudy that line drying was difficult. Ten times the clothesline broke when it was full. One of the researchers—a five-foot one-inch home economist—had to lower the clothesline to reach it and then pull it back up loaded with clothes. Her report read: "I definitely wasn't happy, and the bed sheets dragged on the ground."

Three times the clothes had to be rehung because it rained—and one home economist fell down the cellar steps with the clothes basket while the tests were going on.

Their conclusion, as any woman who does her own washing could have told them, was that hanging clothes on a line is hard work.

White Collar Girls Wear Less & Less . . .

CHICAGO—White collar workers are wearing fewer and fewer clothes "almost to the extreme of shocking exposure," a fashion survey shows.

Working girls simply "underdress," the American Women's Institute reports.

"They wear off-shoulder blouses, deep-cut necklines, skirts with long splits, and transparent blouses and thin sweaters." The group found girls from small cities under-dress even more than their big city sisters, the report added.

The faults of men's wear were not overlooked. "The chief fault with men," the organization said, "is that they clutter every pocket with miscellaneous objects from paper notes to screwdrivers."

Boston Is Tops

It rated Boston's office workers the best dressed in the nation, followed by those in Washington, Kansas City, Detroit and Atlanta. Rated lowest in the survey was Chicago, where the women wear "too many sweaters, too few hats and many go without handbags."

New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Philadelphia rated barely above Chicago in the survey.

In the nation as a whole, the survey revealed that less than five per cent of the men wear garters and only three per cent wear gloves with an overcoat. The investigators apparently were relieved to discover, however, that 95 per cent of the men report for work wearing ties.

It said 70 per cent of the women wear hats to the office while only 63 per cent of the men protect their hair. Sixty-one per cent of the women were found to report for work in the summer without stockings.

"In some cities," the report said, "gas attendants, waitresses, and other service employees rated better dressed than office employees."

Today's Suave Silhouette



By ALICE AIDEN

IN THE HANDS of a deft designer, length of fabric or a few pellets become invested with a world of beauty, grace, and original line and detail. So it is with this delightful ensemble consisting of a fur jacket and dress. Both were created by Madame Eleanor Garnett, and show unmistakably the suave silhouette of today. The jacket is of Persian broadtail, and shows the Dolman influence distinctly, while its high-rising collar offers face-framing flattery.

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Choose high heels for your party shoes, but for everyday use, shoes with low heels, stout leather soles are best.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NO woman will be foot loose and fancy free if her little dogs are encased in shoes that do not provide comfort, permit plenty of wiggling room for the pink toes. The average female of the species thinks of style first, foot health not at all. She gives more care to her vacuum cleaner than she does to her hoofs. One of life's mysteries, that's what it is. Stand on the street and watch the shoppers hobble past. Not one in ten appears to be "walking in beauty like the night." They can't because their feet hurt.

Uncomfortable feet affect posture, can ruin the fine lines of the figure. They put frowns between the eyes. They cause even saintly dispositions to get as mean as all get out. They'll make the prettiest frock look dumpy because it is not carried beautifully, with splendour. So, when you go shoe seeking, do take pains to find

the correct last. Looks isn't everything. You can find style and comfort both if you take the time for it.

Modern shoe craftsmen lend a hand by turning out shoes to fit the fussiest in a rich variety of leather-soled styles. Good foot balance is achieved by the proper heel height, breadth of heel and a firm and flexible sole. New models come with perforations in interesting designs and strap treatments of all kinds, buckled, elasticised, sabot and T straps.

Several outstanding shoe designers in Paris recently acknowledged that experts in no other nation can excel. Americans for a combining comfort and style in one shoe. Since we have the best in the world, what folly it is not to deserve them by keeping the footies in a healthy condition. Then we can enjoy these sartorial luxuries.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Pooh-Pooh Got Scratched

—The Cat Misunderstood His Friendly Greeting—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, walked all around the outside of the house till she finally found Pooh-Pooh, the poodle. He was sitting rather disconsolately under the back steps. It was just as everyone had told her: Pooh-Pooh had a scratch across his nose.

"You were fighting with that cat again," Hanid said, shaking her head.

"Yes," said Pooh-Pooh, "but it wasn't my fault. She started it."

"Dear me," said Hanid with a sigh, as she sat down on the steps with Pooh-Pooh beside her. "Can't you two be friends, I don't understand why cats and dogs must always fight."

"I tried to be friends," said Pooh-Pooh.

Hanid asked Pooh-Pooh to tell her all about what happened.

"Well," said Pooh-Pooh, "I was taking a walk down the street, sloping every now and then to visit my friends, the Collie, the Dachshund, the Cocker Spaniel, the Fox Terrier and some others who live in the different houses along the way. I bowed good-morning to each of them and wagged my tail. And each of them barked back good-morning to me and also wagged his tail."

Misunderstanding

"Finally," said Pooh-Pooh, "I reached the end of the street where the white house stands. No dog lives there but I barked good-morning just the same and wagged my tail just because I felt very happy. I was about to turn around and come back, when all of a sudden I spied a big grey cat, sitting under the tree and looking at me."

"For a minute or two, I didn't know what to do. But then, I decided that if it's a good morning for all the dogs, it's a good morning for all the cats too. So I walked over to her. And when I came about five or six feet away, I barked good-morning as cheerfully as I could and wagged my tail."

"I bet the cat was pleased," Hanid said. "It was very polite of you to say good-morning to her."

"That's what I thought," answered Pooh-Pooh. "But instead of being pleased, she stood up, and lifted her back, and scowled—and said: 'P-s-s-s-t!' I thought to myself: That's an odd way to say good-morning. But maybe she didn't hear that I was saying good-morning to her."

"What did you do then?" Hanid asked.

"I went closer and barked louder," said Pooh-Pooh. "Good-morning! I barked."



"You have a scratch," Hanid said to Pooh-Pooh.

"And did she understand?" Hanid asked anxiously.

"That's when she scratched me on the nose," said Pooh-Pooh.

Hanid patted Pooh-Pooh on the head. "You poor dear. You shouldn't have barked at her so loudly. Now, there is no reason why you can't be friendly with that cat. Just you go back and sit down very quietly beside her. I'm sure if she sees that you are friendly, she'll be friendly too."

At first, Pooh-Pooh didn't want to go but finally he did. In half an hour, he was back again. To Hanid's dismay, he had another scratch on his nose.

"My goodness! What happened? Didn't you sit down quietly next to her as I told you, Pooh-Pooh?"

"Oh, yes," said Pooh-Pooh. "But there was nothing quiet about that cat. All of a sudden, as I was sitting next to her, I heard her growling."

Just Purring

"That wasn't growling," Hanid exclaimed. "That was purring."

"It sounded like a growl to me," said Pooh-Pooh. "So I jumped up and growled back. And the next second, I had another scratch on my nose. Cats just aren't friendly. They don't understand when you bark good-morning. They don't understand when you wag your tail. And even when they're happy, they growl."

And with that he turned and walked down the next street to visit his friends, the Boxer, the Scotch Terrier, the Greyhound, and the Bulldog.

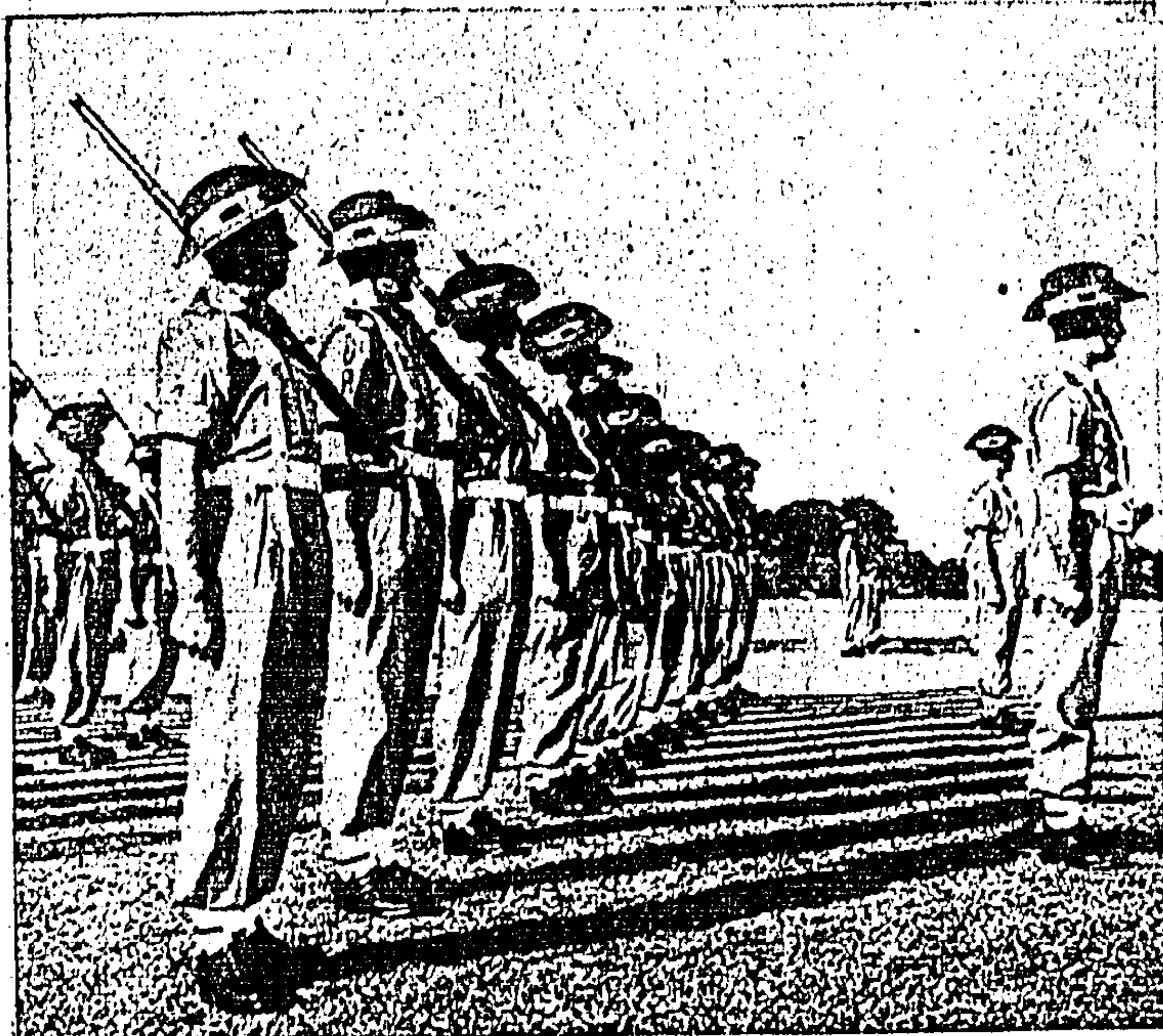
Rupert & Mr Punch—43



The sailor laughs at Rupert's anxiety. "So long as you're all safe, all's well," he says heartily. "and don't worry about Mr. Punch's cave. This secret will be quite safe with me. It sounds as if we may find it hard to reopen that gap. We shall need an iron bar. It is so early in the morning that Captain Barnacle is still in bed and asleep, but in his sleep they find a strong growl. Then they put on their long walk until they see Toby, still on guard, on the cliff top."

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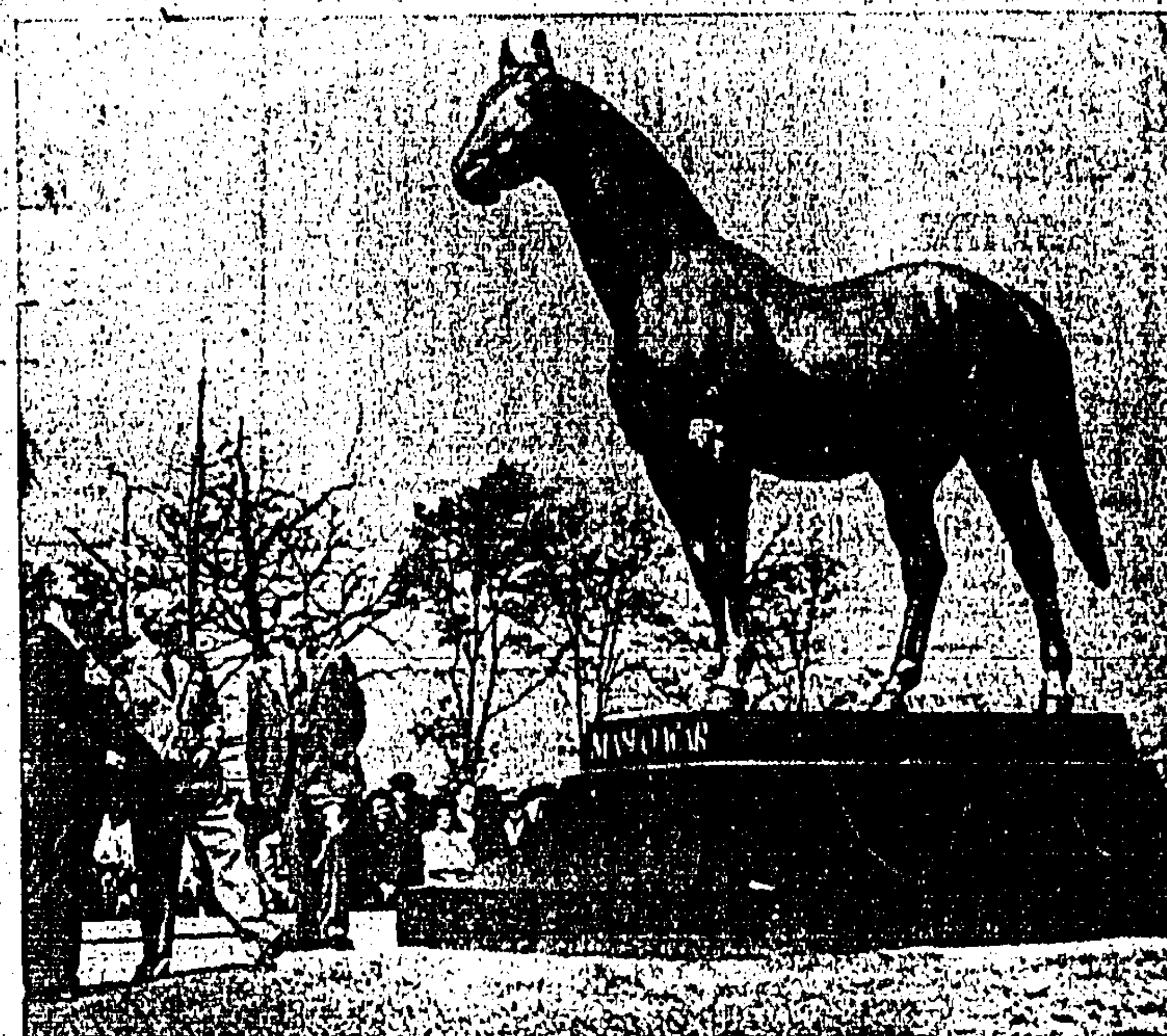
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



AUSSIE OCCUPATION TROOPS—Troops of the 66th Australian Infantry Battalion photographed on inspection in Tokyo, Japan. The occasion for the parade and review was the outfit's third year of occupation duty in Japan.



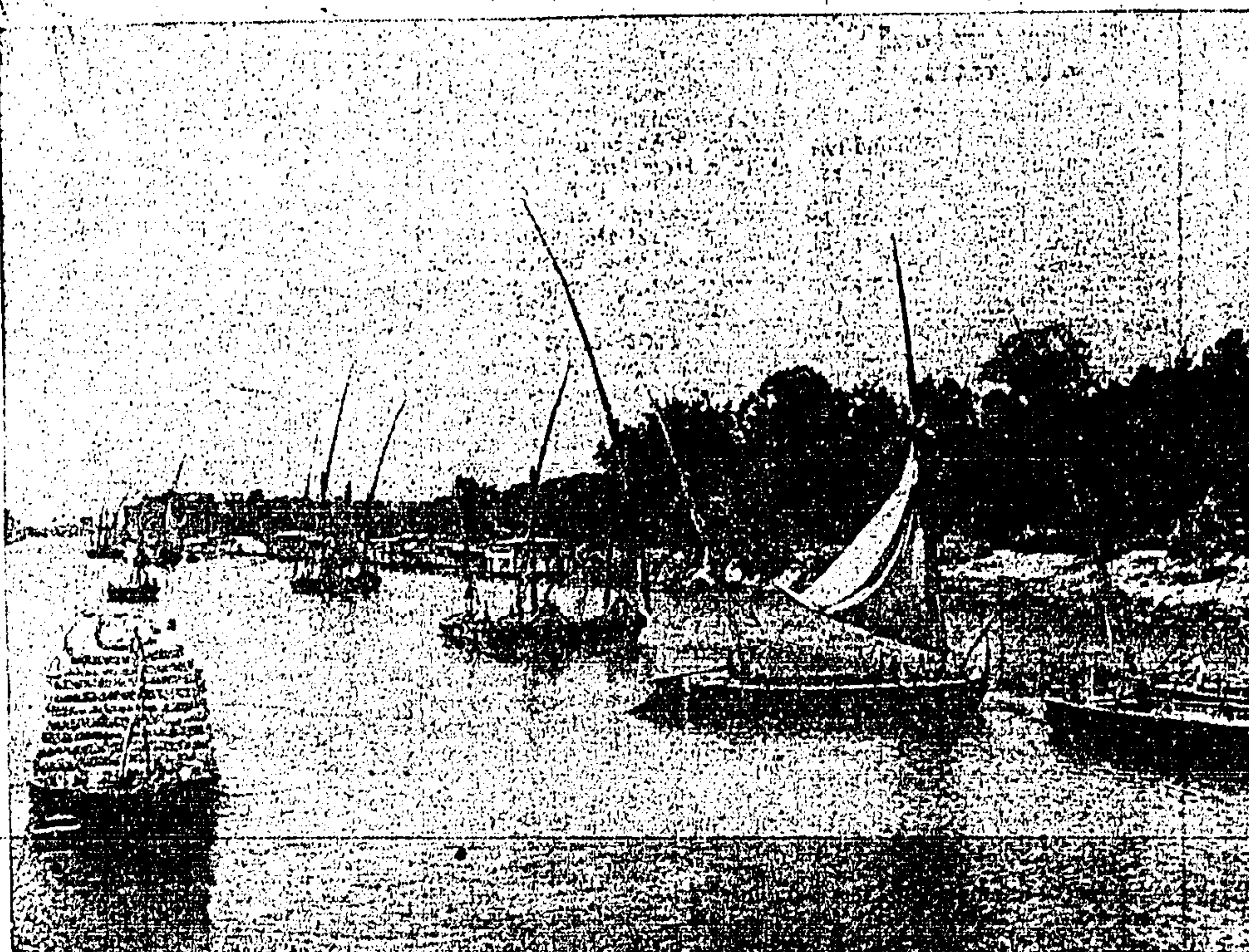
CRAZY QUILT BEAUTY—Grandma's patchwork takes on a new angle as these Los Angeles girls from Woodbury College display their varicoloured satin lastex swimming suits. Left to right, the smiling young ladies are: Faye Arnold, Elvira Flores, Mary Lou Johnson and Joan Johnstone.



BIG RED—A simple ceremony in Lexington, Kentucky, marked the unveiling of a statue of Man o' War, generally regarded as the greatest racing horse of all time. Left to right: Lexington's mayor Thomas Mooney, sculptor Herbert Haseltine and Patrick O'Neill, manager of Faraway Farm, admire the thoroughbred which won 20 of his 21 races.



MONTY AT HOME—Viscount Montgomery, military chief of the Western Union, enjoys the life of a country gentleman when in Bentley, on the Hants-Surrey border. The study in his home, called Mill House, is a favourite spot of the famed Field Marshal.



ON THE RIVER NILE—These Egyptian feluccas anchored in the Nile River off Gezira Island sail up and down the river for 500 miles. This irregular fleet plays no favourites, carrying anything that will return a profit to the owner.

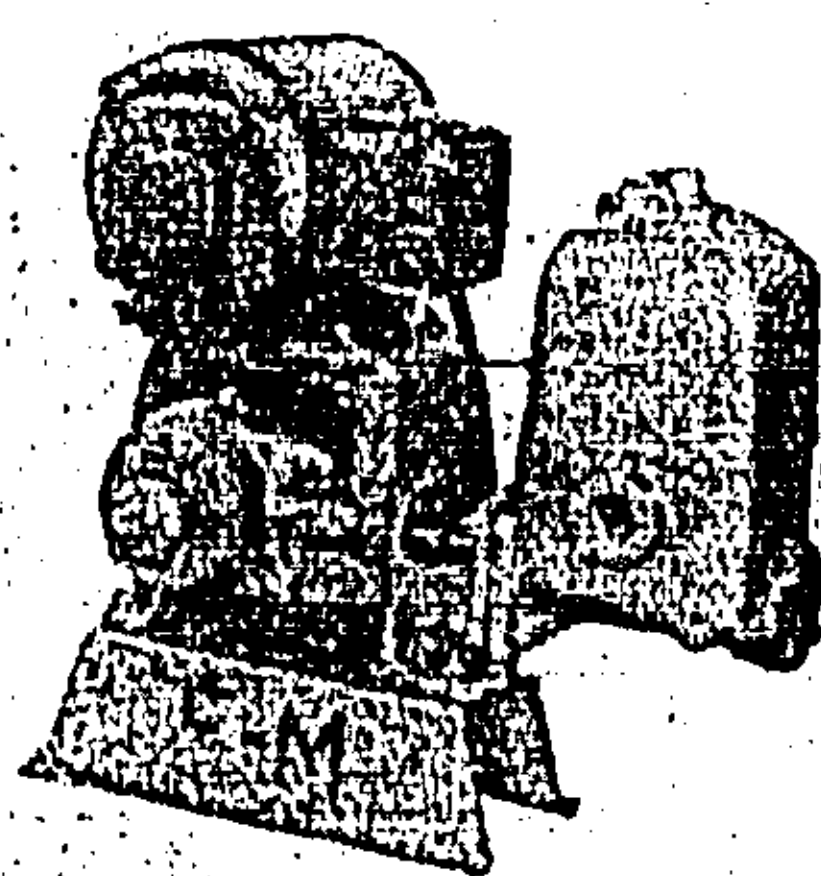


CANADIAN WAR DEAD—Lionel Chevrier, Canadian delegate to the United Nations, places a wreath at the foot of the war memorial to Canadian soldiers in Bery-sur-Mer, France. The memorial is dedicated to Canadian soldiers who were killed in the Normandy invasion.

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A FAT Jamaican rocks down the street. On her head is a great pile of bananas and limes with two struggling hens on top of all—a monstrous parody of all Carmen Mirandas. A vast new American saloon swerves round her, hooting like an outraged organ.

From the shade of a doorway come the beggars, gaunt and belligerent. "I beg you a two pence, sir. I beg you a money bit, sir."

JAMES CAMERON
reports from Kingston, Jamaica

On lovely Montego Bay the hotels prepare for the tourist harvest; down in Kingston the crowds scramble to see the tattered corpse of a local murderer, newly shot by the police.

The calypso men sing their endless songs of love and politics and the fear of poverty. "Lawa, what a night, not a bite, what a Saturday night!" Jamaica has it all, the beauty and the pathos. Scratch an Island Paradise and you find a tropical slum. Both terms are equally platitudinous today. The sun beats down impartially on the charm and the wretchedness.

Dreary record of facts

THIS tramping around the colonies is dispiriting work. The guide book's glorious technicolor always seems to open on a dreary record of melancholy facts, just as my comfortable and costly hotel opens on a squalid infestation of mean streets, haunts of the homeless and the hungry, the beggar and the sneak-thief, a sort of Caribbean Gorbals.

The cobalt sea and the delicate palms are all the travelogues claim for them. Nothing is rationed, and the best rum in the world—or so they say—is 6s. 2d. a quart. And unemployment is so extensive that it is impossible to get an accurate figure. Prices are high and wages are low in a land of all the usual tropical curses: malaria and hookworm, tuberculosis and illiteracy.

The West Indies claim to be, of all parts of the Empire, the most misunderstood and neglected, and Jamaica claims to be the stepchild even there.

Some things are—and the collapse of the banana trade, the overworking of the soil—and some are plainly shocking—the non-existence of any national social service, for example.

It is a strange thing to find in a community of a million and a quarter souls no such thing as old-age pensions or unemployment relief.

It is disagreeable to see about half the island's child population unable to go to school because they do not possess the clothes in which to go. It is melancholy to find hospitals so congested they have sometimes had three in a bed.

It is disturbing to realise that theft of growing crops for food is so widespread that Jamaica has a special archaic name for the offence: it is called "praedial larceny," and it rates a flogging.

Banana trade destroyed

JAMAICA, either in its overcrowded streets or its lovely, eroding hillsides, is a monument to a system that forgot too long that its colonies were inhabited by people.

It was nobody's fault that the banana business went bust. It used to be half

Then ten years ago Panama disease came and rotted the plants, and all the science in the world has failed to discover how to get the infection out of the soil.

They have introduced a resistant variety of banana called Lacaton, but it doesn't travel well. The growers want a long-term guarantee for its sale. Back home in Covent Garden dealers are shy of a fruit that drops from the stem in the ripening sheds.

All through the war, when transport was impossible, the banana industry was carried by Britain, who bought the crop at 4s. a stem and sold it locally for 6d., or left it to rot.

Big business has a short memory, and the little settler only knows that bananas used to make him a living and now do not.

Sugar Is Again Her Life

SO now it is sugar, frozen out between the wars, that once again is Jamaica's life. The rippling canals should produce 20,000 tons this year—a huge increase—and Britain will take all Jamaica can grow at £26 a ton (it was £8 in 1931).

But last year Britain paid far more for Cuban sugar than for Jamaica. And Jamaica, well aware that Britain is now paying the same price—but in dollars—for Cuban sugar, wants a premium; she has a pretty stiff dollar deficit herself, anyway.

The only answer is to grow more sugar. The West Indies produce about a quarter of Britain's sugar needs. The mills grind, the sweating Jamaican works in the cane fields for five bob a day five months a year. And sugar means rum.

All through the war the bonded warehouses were bursting with accumulated rum till Britain agreed to import some.

No Concession For Rum

RUM is a by-product of sugar; you cannot increase sugar without increasing rum. Sugar is subsidised by rum. But rum gets no sort of Excise concession in England; the duty is fabulous—the bottle you pay 36s. for at home is only 5s. here.

Jamaica is a new land, a community based on no tradition, nor heritage of culture, inhabited for the most part by people only a hundred years from slavery.

Yet the land is tired. Jamaica's usable land needs about 215 acres spent on its reconstitution and development.

The British grant of £240,000 needs reinforcement from within Jamaica itself. Nothing comes. Yet in the past Jamaica made £50,000,000 out of bananas. Where has it all gone?

These questions are not as you would imagine the burning curiosity of Jamaica's local politics. Jamaica has probably the most irrational and crackpot politics in the English-speaking world. Its first General Election held under universal adult suffrage put in the Jamaica Labour Party led by that well known fat

"I am master always," he told me, "I sweep the country, whether I even try or not—which may well yet be true."

Against Bustamante Norman Bailey, Socialist leader of the People's National Party, Rhodes scholar and K.C., a man of charm, must fight glamour with argument, an awkward assignment.

Sooner or later, one would say, the situation is almost bound to boil over again somehow. Jamaica's population alone will soon drive her over her resources. Right now there are people—plenty of them—living on less than a shilling a week.

Yet in all the time I have been here I cannot recall one single anti-British remark. It is evident that the average Jamaican wants to stay a British citizen—but an honourable one, not an object of charity and handouts, nor a creature of neglect.

WITH their brief-cases tucked underneath their arms, black hats on their balding heads, the M.P.s were marching back into Westminster, pausing slightly before the bobby at the gate to get the salute an elected representative considers his privilege.

A messenger was going round the Government offices calling the Ministers to a Sunday night Cabinet meeting, when the King's Speech was to be whipped into some sort of shape.

And down in Chancery-lane a mixed bag of dukes and duchesses were digging into mothproof bags and bringing out hired ceremonial robes (10 guineas a time) stored away since Princess Elizabeth's wedding.

It was the week-end before the full-dress opening of Parliament, and the rulers of the people were coming in early to mug up another session of dialectical and indigestive argument.

IF you look at pictures of M.P.s in Gladstone's day and compare them with the political visages of the moment, what a change you will see. We are being ruled by a body of smug and round-faced little men. In the 'nineties the hair was long and the features leanline.

Now, in the words of a House of Commons official, "practically every member looks like a slightly over-fed owl, and like the owl they hoot mostly at night."

As for the women: "The clothes and the lack of attention the female members give to their faces give me the creeps."



SOME M.P.s have been playing a parlour game. You have to imagine that a hostess is inviting the whole of the Cabinet down for a country week-end. The game is to decide which Ministers must be put in separate bedrooms.

I would work it out this way. You wouldn't let Shinwell and Galskell bunk together, nor even the same bathroom. They have not been speaking since Galskell took over Manny's old job of Minister of Fuel.

If Mr. Bevin got a nudge in the west wing, you had better put Mr. Dalton "up at the lodge. Hugh doesn't like the way Ernest runs our foreign policy, and might be relied upon to spoil the week-end by saying so. You had better keep a certain jocular Minister out of the west of Sir Stafford Cripps since he made the remark: 'Isn't it about time Lady Cripps let up on her time Lady Cripps Movement?'

Nye Bevan and Herbert Morrison? Well, I would have them down on separate week-ends.

MR SOMERSET NAUGHAM isn't over-fond of a certain shrewd director at Gainsborough Studios. He was there frequently to superintend production of the



"NO CALL FOR ME, YET?"

THIS PAGE EVERY MONDAY

William Hickey

Something borrowed...

EVERYONE knows he must never eat a clot till May be out, but on when to resume the rest about the rhymers are silent. The Lancet suggests:—
Don't thy woolly smock
As soon as it is so
When chestnut leaf do fall
Cotton ain't no use at all.
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Shepherd's warning.
Can you think of any more?

film "Quartet," based on four of his short stories.

M'ugham, who likes even his friends to call him "Sir," winked about four times a day as the assistant director slapped him on the shoulder and said: "Have a cuppa char, Somerset."



IN Shaftesbury Avenue the air is loud with the groans of the big-theatre men. They want to put on musical shows, in spite of stratospheric costs. But they can't find the shows and they can't find British stars to put in them.

Jack Hylton advertised for weeks for a handsome young (ehor for his forthcoming "High Button Shoes," and tested every corner. It was a golden (£100 a week plus) chance for an unknown, but not an applicant could conjure up enough manliness and voice to fill the bill.

Perhaps an American could... Producers say chorus men get seedier every day, and girls like Anna Neagle and Jessie Matthews (who got their diplomas in the chorus) just don't come around any more. And when Beaumont Delont asked Noel Coward if he could revive "Blither Sweet," Coward replied: "I'd revive it myself, if only I could find the cast!"

THEY tell me in Denmark they now call those large American cars "Dollar Grins."

British cars are known as "Sterling Smiles."



ON the first-class buffet cars where bookmakers gather the boys are looking glum. Another of them lost a case in which he sued a client for unpaid bets. The client pleaded the Gaming Act.

My view is that the British people must be pretty honest, since so few citizens plead likewise. The bookmakers disagree.

They say: "Many people let us down, and it would cost too much to take them to court. We sue defaulters, not to get money, but to let their friends see what type they are."

So they are pushing again for legal recognition for betting. Said one bookmaker: "Bloodstock business is classed by the Government as essential, and breeders say they couldn't exist without the money stimulus from gambling. So why can't the Government protect it?"



HARRY LAUDER, it too, doesn't seem very enthusiastic about these stories that Danny Kaye is going to star in a film of his life. "I've never seen Kaye, and I don't know anything about him," he says. "My answer to whether I would like him to play me in a film is simple—no comment."

STRANGE things have been going on at the British Electricity Authority's first new power station, which the King opened at Kingston recently. Concrete and larmac roads were laid over the royal route; parts must be torn up shortly to lay underground mains.

Turbine covers were polished till they sparkle; but they will have to be removed for the turbine to be worked on. Workmen's sanitary quarters (cost £400) were demolished to make room for a lawn and a marquee. Now scaffolding was brought in to make stands for the guests, though there was scaffolding on the site.

There was one lucky workman on the stand with the royal party. He was bookmaker Tom Gibbs, secretary of the works committee. Mr Gibbs has another distinction. Out of 1,000 men employed on the site he is one of the very few known to his workmates as a Communist.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, unwittily summed-up freedom under Socialism when he complained in one of his speeches that "Voluntary savings have not worked out as planned." And a female friend summed-up her female remark: "You can tell a woman's getting on when people add 'are' to her age."



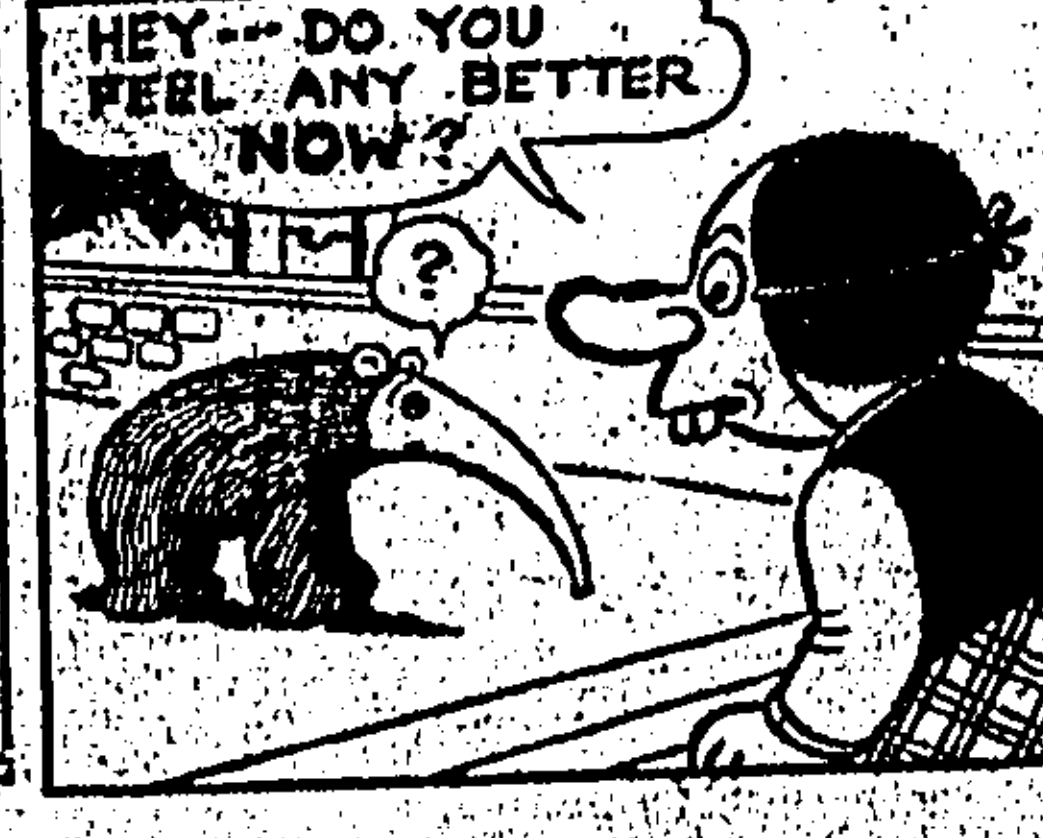
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NANCY Putting Up a Front



TOP SECRET PLAN TO MUSTER U.S. SHIPPING IN EMERGENCY

To Build Convertible Super Liners

Washington, Nov. 14.—A top secret "M-Day" plan is being developed for the United States merchant fleet.

In event of war the armed forces would need shipping and need it fast—on scale unprecedented even in World War II. Key maritime men are frankly worried about the responsibility.

Any plan to get the merchant fleet up to combat efficiency faces more than a few problems. Solving them is a joint undertaking of the Army, the Navy and the Maritime Commission. Details of the M-Day project are strictly hush hush, but this can be said.

1. America's fleet of 1,750 privately operated merchant craft is above the prewar mark. The ships are modern and fast enough for at least some defence against submarines.

2. Congress has appropriated \$174,000,000 to help commercial operators to finance construction of new super liners convertible into troop-cargo transports. Part of this money is available to help in building speedy tankers capable of hauling high octane aviation fuel.

3. The American shipping industry, a prewar workaholic, is now healthy and prosperous.

4.—The U.S. merchant marine has a vast backlog of skilled operating personnel. In fact thousands of trained men have left the sea for want of berths.

5.—More than 3,250 vessels, most of which were built during World War II, are at anchor in strategically

located "reserve fleet" areas. Most of these could be pressed into service, although many are slow and cumbersome Liberty ships.

BLEAKER ASPECTS

But the picture has its bleaker aspects.

The nation's shipbuilding industry is hardly a shadow of its wartime self. On VJ-Day the Commission had more than 80 yards in operation. Today the Government has no shipyards in operation.

About a dozen private yards, however, have contracts for new passenger, cargo or tanker construction.

Without doubt, say maritime experts, the problem of shipbuilding in the matter of adequate shipping in case of war.

Regardless of condition, all ships in the reserve merchant fleet would have to spend some time in a shipyard before sailing into war-time service for nothing more than mounting weapons.

With an eye on this eventuality, the Maritime Commission has kept four Government-owned yards on a stand by basis.

Shipping interests believe a large part of the answer to the problem of keeping yards in operation, and key personnel working, lies in the plan to build new super liners to augment the merchant fleet.

FIVE NEW SHIPS

The Maritime Commission, under agreement with two shipping firms, recently authorized construction of five new passenger ships costing about \$80,000,000 in all.

It has taken bids for a proposed super liner to cost an estimated \$65,000,000. This ship, capable of carrying 2,000 passengers or 12,000 troops, would be the biggest ever built in this country.

Besides these passenger ships, U.S. shipyards have on contract or on order 61 tankers—some of them high speed vessels—for carrying oil here from the rich Persian Gulf region.

In addition, the Commission expects to let contracts within the next six months or so for ten experimental cargo ships expected to serve as a model for improved successors to the last war's Victory or Liberty ships in the event of another national emergency.

SUBSIDIES PAID

Other countries, notably Great Britain, have on postwar shipbuilding. Britain is now building about half the total tonnage under construction in the world. The U.S. Government pays subsidies on new ship construction to offset the cost of building ships in this country in comparison with other countries.

Many private firms said the 30 to 35 percent subsidies paid before the war were inadequate. They asked Congress during the last session to raise it to 60 percent. This was turned down.

But the Maritime Commission, in awarding contracts for the five new ships, agreed to pay as much as 45 percent, plus additional help for installing certain features like added armor plating considered a defence measure.—Associated Press.

EXPLOSION ON SHIP

Tacoma, Nov. 14.—A short circuit in a generator was said today to have caused the explosion and fire in the engine room of the Swedish motorship, Los Angeles, which claimed the lives of two men and injured at least six others.

Mr. Charles J. Eisenbacher, the Fire Chief, said that the flames from the generator travelled along miles of intricate wiring coated with varnish and shellac and then spread to the remainder of the engine room.

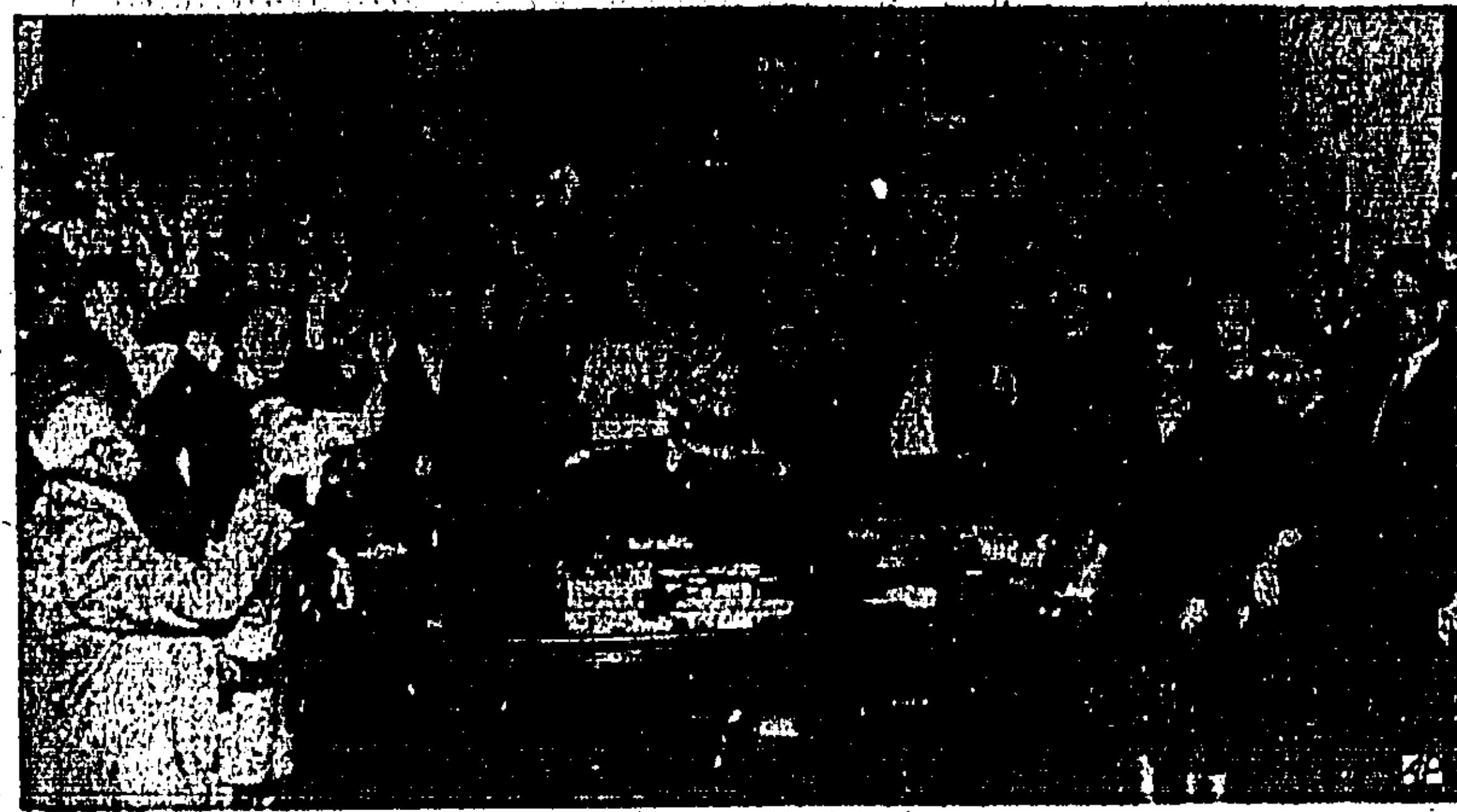
The "stricken ship" which was preparing to sail for Europe was left without heat or lights. Members of the crew were transferred to shore installations and to the motorship Argentina. Marine underwriter investigators arrived from Seattle last night to begin investigations.

Those killed were Rolf de Floer, of Stockholm, a refrigeration engineer, and Folke Olsen, of Malmo, an engineer of the ship's boilers. Reuters.

BLIZZARD HITS TURKEY

Istanbul, Nov. 14.—A blizzard sweeping across Turkey from the north has paralysed communications for the past 24 hours.

The first snow of the season fell throughout last night over a wide area, including Istanbul and Ankara. The temperature dropped from 18 degrees Centigrade to freezing point.—Reuters.



Members of the clerical staff at the White House mass around President Truman's desk after Thomas E. Dewey had conceded defeat in the national presidential race.—AP Picture.

Staff Cheers President

TSALDARIS STILL UNABLE TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

INDONESIAN LEADER SHOT DEAD

Batavia, Nov. 14.—The Indonesian news agency, Antara, reported today that Surlo, Chairman of the Indonesian Republic Council of State, was found shot and killed on Thursday in a village near Ngawi, 12 miles north of Madiun, where renewed Communist action was recently reported.

Antara said it was believed Surlo was the victim of Communist insurgents.

The agency also quoted a Defence Ministry spokesman to the effect that several persons were missing since three military and two civilian cars were attacked and burned recently on the Soekarno-Madiun road near Walikoko, where Communists have begun a new push northward from mountain hide-outs.

A Dutch Army communiqué said it had the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, was "quoted correctly" in the London cables saying that this week definitely a sharp fall in the curve of incidents could be noticed.

There must be some misunderstanding. The communiqué said that between November 3 and November 9, there were 100 incidents, 154 of them in federal territory and 42 in border areas.—Associated Press.

Soviets Not A Menace, Says Red Dean

New York, Nov. 14.—The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Reverend Dr. Hewlett Johnson, said yesterday "the Soviet Union is not a menace to world peace nor is she a menace to the security of the Western World."

In a prepared speech at a dinner welcoming him to the United States, the Dean said that the basis for widely spread misgivings with regard to Soviet peaceful intentions arises from three issues—the atomic problem, the Berlin question and Russian relationship to the six East European countries.

Dr. Johnson said that the Russian attitude towards the atomic problems is "civil rather than military."

He said the Russian determination that governments of the bordering countries must be friendly, only parallels British determination regarding the Netherlands. Dr. Johnson said that the "idea of America being imperialistic is now growing in Europe and it brings a terrible fear with it."

He described Winston Churchill as a "menace" and said: "What disturbs many in my country is when we observe the almost docile way in which the policy of your country follows the Churchill lead."—Associated Press.

No Reply To U.N. Letter

Paris, Nov. 14.—A United Nations spokesman said today that no answer has yet been received to the letter of the two United Nations officials sent yesterday to the four great powers asking them for talks designed to settle the Berlin crisis.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, President of the General Assembly and Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, issued a letter to the heads of the American, British, French and Russian delegations here with a request that it be transmitted to their respective heads of state.

It is believed that it might take some days for the answers to arrive.—United Press.

Athens, Nov. 14.—Greece was tonight still without a Government. Constantin Tsaldaris, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister in the outgoing Sophoulis Cabinet, has so far failed in his talks with party leaders to set up a new ministry.

Both King Paul of Greece, when he asked Tsaldaris yesterday to start consultations, and the Premier-designate himself, stressed the need for hurry. They had hoped to have the new combination on foot by tomorrow.

It was believed tonight that should M. Tsaldaris fail, M. Sophoulis would claim the right to attempt to form another Government on condition that he should not be handicapped by considerations of party strength in choosing his ministers.

Tsaldaris returned to Athens yesterday from Paris, where he led the Greek United Nations delegation. He complained that he had been called home while "Greece's moral victory still had to be completed" and described the crisis as "continually and dangerously."

It is taking place against the background of uncompleted talks on the Greek situation before the United Nations, and the course of which the Australian delegate, Colonel W. R. M. Hodgson, asked that representatives of Greece and her neighbours should meet in an effort to compose their differences.

REQUEST FOR AID

Tonight the Athens news agency reported that various organisations in Northern Greece, including the University of Salonika, had sent telegrams to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Presidents of the United States and of France and the British and French Prime Ministers.

They regretted that the United Nations "has not a clear understanding of the struggle waged by Greece."

They asked for aid to enable the Greeks to end the "Communist rebellion" as quickly as possible, the Athens agency said.

Tonight's Greek General Staff communiqué reported more fighting.

Demonstrations In The Sudan

Khartoum, Nov. 14.—Demonstrations in favour of union with Egypt and opposing the setting up of a Sudan Legislative Assembly led to US arrests in the Sudan on Saturday police said in Khartoum yesterday.

The demonstrations, were held simultaneously in the three large towns of Khartoum, Omdurman and Khartoum North. Police had charged against the demonstrators. Police commander William Coutts' arm was broken by a stick.

Elections to the Legislative Assembly, which are to be held to elect a government to go off quietly.—Associated Press.

JAP WHALERS DEPART

Tokyo, Nov. 14.—Two factory ships left Yokohama and Yokosuka respectively today on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's approved third post-war whaling expedition to the Antarctic.

They were the Nishin Maru and the Hashida Maru, both of 10,000 tons.

With their respective fleets of catchers, both the Nishin Maru and the Hashida Maru will engage in whaling activities separately in the Antarctic seas until March.—United Press.

Full Traffic Rights For PAL

It has been announced that effective immediately, the Philippine Air Lines have been granted full traffic rights between Manila and Guam. Further traffic rights have been granted to PAL by SCAR for 12 services monthly between Manila, Okinawa and Tokyo.

In the Mount Vernon region of Western Macedonia, with the capture of a height by Greek Army commands in a night attack. Guerrillas who attacked the town of Siatista in the Province of Kozani, Western Macedonia, set fire to several houses and a church and carried off 30 civilians, the communiqué added.

Two more planes of unknown nationality were sighted over the Peloponnese.

TALKS AT PALACE

Themistocles Sophoulis was summoned to the Royal Palace tonight while Tsaldaris was reporting to King Paul on his efforts to form a new Government.

M. Sophoulis had earlier refused to take part in a cabinet led by M. Tsaldaris.

Later, Sophoulis and Tsaldaris left the palace.

Sophoulis again said that he would not take part in the new Cabinet.

Tsaldaris, who was in conference with King Paul for an hour and a half, said: "Greece will not remain without a Government."

The Populist leader, who announced that the King had renewed his mandate, said he will conduct further negotiations tomorrow for the formation of a Government.—Reuters.

A SON FOR THE PRINCESS

(Continued from Page 1)

British Princesses are privately educated by selected tutors.

The reasons for this decision were the difficulty of choosing a suitable school without causing deep jealousy, the problem of suitable school mates, and the specialist course of studies demanded for a future Queen.

King George, the Duke of Windsor and their brothers, however, went to school. The King is an old boy of the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth and Trinity College, Cambridge. The Duke of Windsor attended Osborne and Dartmouth and Magdalen College, Oxford.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Prince Philip of Greece, was educated at a progressive school, which was evacuated to Gordonstoun, Scotland, from Germany before the war. He later attended Dartmouth.

Princess Elizabeth's child will later on have to study subjects of which most children have only the scantiest idea. Constitutional history and law, for instance, will show the child its place as an individual in the British Commonwealth. World history, British, European, American, political and economic history is necessarily the subject of primary importance in the education of an heir to the Throne.

QUESTION OF STATE

The whole plan for the child's education will be a question of State. It must be formally discussed and approved by the Cabinet, as not only a matter of interest within the Court circle, but to everyone in the Commonwealth, over which it may one day be called on to reign.

Princess Elizabeth will be her baby's first tutor. Her mother taught her to talk and she intends to teach her own baby. Very early she must make the child understand one thing—that its duty in life as a member of the Constitutional Monarchy of Britain today is to lead by example.

Always at hand for the Princess is the advice of Queen Elizabeth who, who deliberately kept her early upbringing as simple as possible and has seen to it that her daughter matured into a natural, unspoiled young woman. There is also Queen Mary, who has mastered the art of grand-daughterhood and will certainly take the same interest in her first great-grandchild.—Reuters.

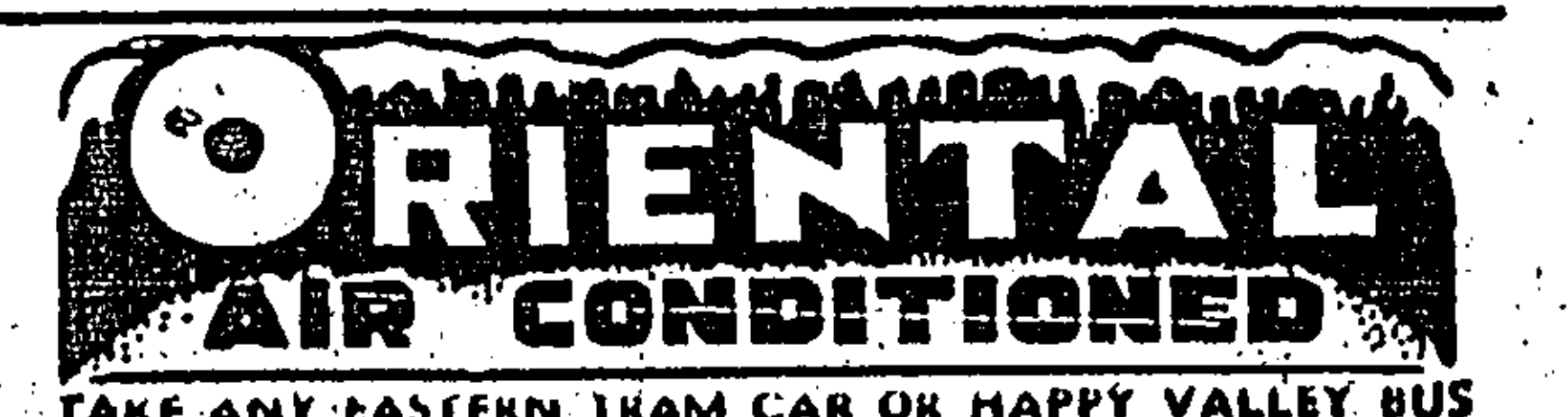
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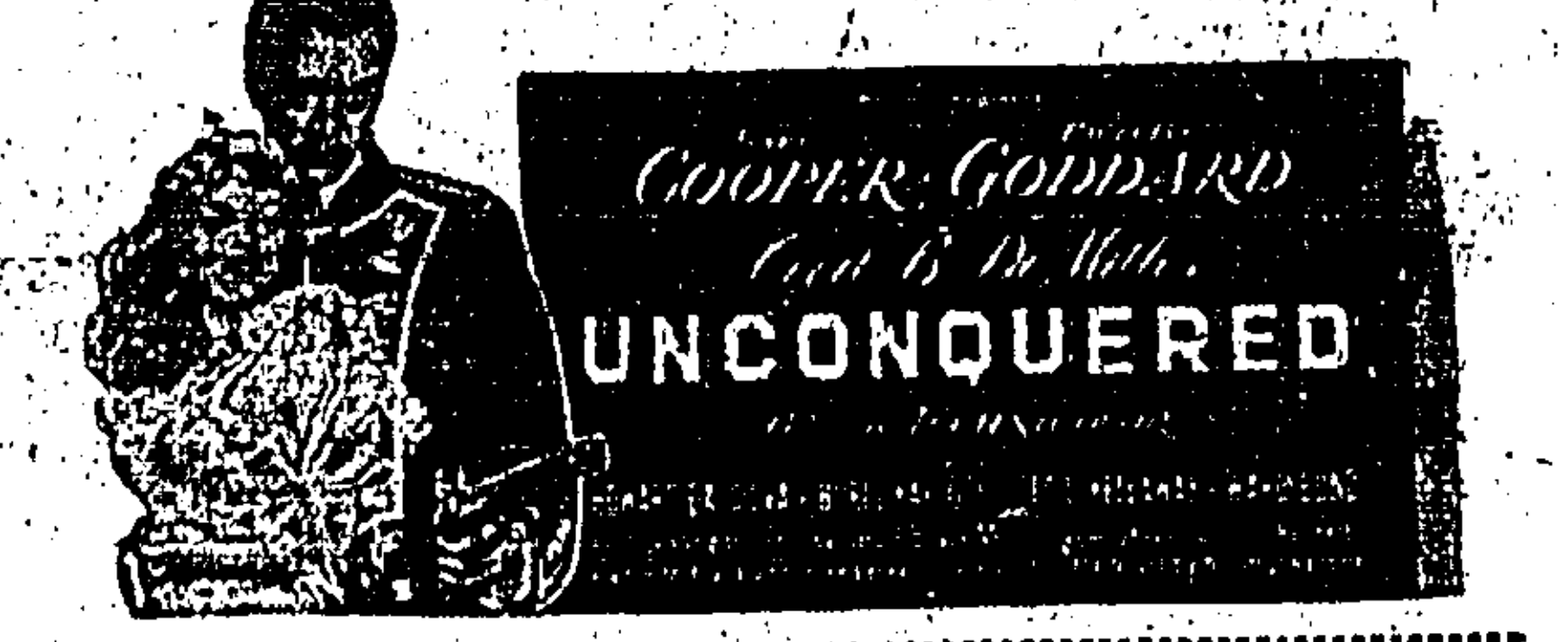
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Ask To Be Gassed

Munich, Nov. 14.—Thirteen hundred displaced persons living in Dachau, a former Nazi horror camp, today asked the Bavarian Government to let them be gassed in the wartime gas chambers "to put an end to our miseries."

Herr Hermann, the Dachau Camp Control Committee chairman, said the refugees had asked to be gassed to focus world attention on camp conditions. The refugees ended a 24-hour hunger strike at midnight last night.—Reuters.

BERLIN DISPUTE

(Continued from Page 1)

The view in Western diplomatic quarters is still that no further direct negotiations on Berlin are taking place as long as three parties are under the duress of the Berlin blockade.

The Western powers believe they are not being unreasonable when they suggest the only power to whom a strong appeal need be made is the Soviet Union.

The United States is expected to refuse its refusal to reopen negotiations with Russia until the blockade is lifted, authoritative diplomatic informants said in Washington today.—Reuters.

Six Stabbed In Sequel To Riot

Calcutta, Nov. 14.—Six people were stabbed, one of them fatally, in Central and North Calcutta today—a sequel to yesterday's disturbance when a crowd attacked a Moslem religious procession.

The rest of the city was quiet, the official announcement said, and in the localities affected yesterday normal life was resumed. The curfew imposed in the trouble-stricken areas yesterday was extended for another night.

The communiqué said 28 persons received gunshot wounds yesterday or suffered from the effects of bombs and acid burns. It warned that possession of unauthorised arms and weapons will not be tolerated any longer.—Reuters.

FOG OVER BERLIN

Berlin, Nov. 14.—Thick fog brought the Berlin airlift to a complete standstill tonight. Even radar landings at Gatow and Tempelhof airports were impossible.

No supply planes had touched down in the German capital since 3 a.m. The latest meteorological reports said a small improvement in conditions is expected later tonight.

It should then be possible to resume radar landings.—Reuters.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY JUST PLAYS OUT TIME AGAINST RECREIO

By "RECORDER"

The match between Army and Club de Recreio at Sookunpoo on Saturday saw the former just play out time with 30 runs still needed for victory. It was a low-scoring match with a kicking wicket taking a steady toll of some of the best batting talent locally.

Recreio was six wickets down for 16 on first knock and then eight down for 33 when P. M. N. da Silva and J. B. Goncalves managed a ninth wicket stand of 48. A last wicket stand brought the score to 93.

On one of the most satisfactory wickets in town, Stepto's fast bowling touched bodyline and there were several Recreio casualties. Prata was hit in the chest and then in the stomach before being out finally without scoring.

Army's start was just as inauspicious and five wickets were down for 10. Pereira was in good form but was not too lucky and it was left to Dr. Gossano to mow down the Army batting.

Army were finally nine wickets down for 41 on the board when Stepto and Jones settled down for a last wicket stand.

At 5.20 p.m. Stepto appealed against the light, the appeal being disallowed. Recreio changed bowlers twice in an attempt to take the last wicket for victory but Stepto and Jones played a chanceless knock.

The falls of wicket in the match make an interesting study. They fell as follows:

	Recreio	Army
1st	0	0
2nd	0	0
3rd	0	0
4th	12	14
5th	12	19
6th	16	33
7th	33	41

Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

BATTING

L. D. Kilbee (Optimists v CCC)	85
E. C. Finch (KCC v HKU)	53
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions v RAF)	52
D. W. Leach (Scorpions v RAF)	48
A/C Morris (RAF v Scorpions)	48
G. Hong Choy (CC v Optimists)	39
G. T. Rowe (Optimists v CCC)	37
Extras (Navy v IRC)	37
P. J. Billimoria (CCC v Optimists)	35
P. M. N. da Silva (Recreio v Army)	32
A/C Graham (RAF v Scorpions)	31

BOWLING

J. C. Koh (HKU v KCC)	7-56
R. E. Lee (KCC v HKU)	6-26
Dr. E. L. Gossano (Recreio v Army)	5-18
L. A. Stepto (Army v Recreio)	5-22
Gnr. Banton (Army v Recreio)	5-33
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions v RAF)	4-30
T. P. Mahon (Optimists v CCC)	4-30
A. P. Pereira (CC v Army)	4-30
T. Cretche (CCC v Optimists)	4-57

League Batting Averages

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Score	Average
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	3	1	152	85	76.00
L. A. Stepto (Army)	4	3	60	20	60.00
G. N. Gossano (Recreio)	4	2	131	55	65.50
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	4	2	180	110	60.00
Dr. E. L. Gossano (Recreio)	4	4	140	79	40.00
P. M. N. da Silva (Recreio)	4	2	122	33	40.00
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	4	1	132	68	44.00
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	4	2	80	28	40.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	4	2	130	39	32.50
G. Hong Choy (CC v Optimists)	4	2	127	71	31.75
A/C Morris (RAF)	4	2	88	48	29.33
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	4	2	84	35	27.00
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	4	2	84	35	27.00
Major Murray-Brown (Army)	4	2	70	64	26.33
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	4	2	50	27	25.00
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	4	2	99	29	24.75
S. Ramchand (Craighower)	4	2	73	42	24.33
F/O Hinchelwood (RAF)	4	2	73	42	24.33
A/C Graham (RAF)	4	2	68	39	22.75
F/O Marshall (RAF)	4	2	68	48	22.00
A. H. Madar (IRC)	4	2	65	40	21.00
Major Dave (Army)	4	2	64	39	21.00
F. R. Zimmern (KCC)	4	2	41	18	20.50
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	3	1	41	18	20.50

Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L. A. Stepto (Army)	43.2	15	70	18	3.88
Dr. E. L. Gossano (Recreio)	47	14	84	14	6.00
Cpl. Hodgson (RAF)	30.5	7	72	12	6.00
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	30.5	11	89	14	6.35
Gnr. Banton (Army)	27.4	10	65	9	7.22
A/C Graham (RAF)	27	9	85	10	8.50
J. C. Koh (University)	34.2	4	131	15	8.73
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	50.3	10	155	17	9.11
A. E. Perry (Optimists)	24	4	86	8	10.75
L/Cpl. Jones (Army)	30	0	101	9	11.22
F/O Gambrell (RAF)	54	13	107	14	11.92

Crowd Invades Field In Austria-Sweden Match

Vienna, Nov. 14.—Hundreds of police had to be called to clear the field near the end of the international soccer match here today in which Austria beat Sweden 2-1, when a large number of the crowd of 60,000 invaded the pitch after Sweden had scored from a penalty.

Austria were leading 2-0 when the penalty was awarded three minutes before the final whistle. Gunnar Green scored for Sweden from the spot to reduce the arrears and a large number of Austrians, who apparently considered the penalty unjust, rushed on to the field to demonstrate.

Police drove them back to the terraces, however, and the game ended amid catcalls and protests from the crowd.

Two Austrian players, Gerhard and Rockner, were injured in the closing minutes of the match and had to be taken off the field.

The Austrians took the lead in the first half with a goal by Wagner and 38 minutes after the interval Hobitz scored their second. Among those present at the match was Lieutenant General Alexander Galloway, the British High Commissioner for Austria.—Reuter.

HOW THEY STAND

	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	3	1	0	13
Army	3	1	0	13
RAF	2	1	1	9
Optimists	2	1	1	9
KCC	1	2	1	6
IRC	1	2	1	6
University	0	1	2	4
Craighower	0	1	3	1
Royal Navy	0	1	3	1

HKCC TEAM

The HKCC XI to play against the visiting Combined Services Malay XI on Wednesday next on the Club ground commencing at 11 a.m. will be:

L. D. Kilbee (Capt), H. Owen-Hughes, J. E. Richardson, R. W. Franklin, N. R. Oliver, A. E. Perry, R. H. Hughes, G. T. Rowe, T. P. Mahon, D. H. Leach and L. F. Stokes.

J. Kerr, 12th Man, R. F. Davies, Umpire, Rev. H. Weaver, Scorer.

Visitors Lose To Mainland

In their first cricket match in the Colony yesterday, the Malaysia Services team lost to the Mainland by one wicket at the Kowloon Cricket Club ground.

	W	D	L	Pts
D. B. Haig, b F. R. Zimmern	2	0	0	10
K. Greenwood, b F. R. Zimmern	13	0	0	26
H. Leggett, b E. L. Gossano	1	0	0	6
H. Hunter, lbw E. L. Gossano	1	0	0	6
G. Lloyd, run out	1	0	0	6
W. D. Richardson, c L. Gossano, b F. R. Zimmern	0	0	0	0
E. Robinson, c Pereira, b F. R. Zimmern	18	0	0	36
E. H. Lee, c Pereira, b F. R. Zimmern	16	0	0	32
R. H. Syrett, not out	21	0	0	42
H. H. Leslie-Jones, c Hart-Baker, b F. R. Zimmern	2	0	0	4
W. J. Parham, b Lee	0	0	0	0
Extras	13	0	0	26
Total	111	0	0	111

	W	D	L	Pts
F. R. Zimmern	17	0	0	34
E. L. Gossano	12	0	0	24
Pereira	9	2	2	16
Lee	2	1	1	4

	W	D	L	Pts
A. M. Rodriguez, c Parham, b Syrett	7	0	0	14
N. Hart-Baker, b Parham	11	0	0	22
G. N. Gossano, b Parham	11	0	0	22
A. Zimmern, c Lee, b Parham	11	0	0	22
E. C. Finch, b Lloyds	11	0	0	22
E. L. Gossano, b Parham	11	0	0	22
W. D. Webb, lbw Parham	6	0	0	12
A. M. Prata, c Parham, b Lloyd	6	0	0	12
F. R. Zimmern, b Leggett	20	0	0	40
A. P. Pereira, c Lee, b Lloyd	20	0	0	40
A. E. Lee, not out	13	0	0	26
Extras	13	0	0	26
Total	120	0	0	120

	W	D	L	Pts
Parham	13	0	0	26
Leggett	9	0	0	18
Syrett	1	0	0	2
Lloyd	7	4	3	14

INTER-HONG CRICKET

The friendly cricket match between Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Jardines played at the HKCC yesterday was won by the former by 58 runs.

	W	D	L	Pts
C. D. N. Walker, c Sellers, b Ricketts	12	0	0	24
G. A. Stewart, c Sellers, b Ricketts	31	0	0	62
D. H. Leach, c Sellers, b Ricketts	0	0	0	0
I. MacLeod, c and b Sellers	0	0	0	0
A. L. Smith, c Macleod, b Mills	33	0	0	66
M. W. Turner, run out	0	0	0	0
C. G. Meredith, b Barclay	0	0	0	0
W. H. Lyall, run out	0	0	0	0
N. H. Hayes, c Macleod, b Barclay	0	0	0	0
R. G. Moore, not out	6	0	0	12
R. G. Ouseley, c Macleod, b Sellers	0	0	0	0
Extras	12	0	0	24
Total	120	0	0	120

	W	D	L	Pts
Ricketts	5	0	0	10
Barclay	15	4	3	33
Sellers	1	0	0	2
Macleod	1	0	0	2
Mills	1	0	0	2

	W	D	L	Pts
D. S. Middleitch, c MacLeod, b Hayes	5	0	0	10
C. Barclay, b Hayes	4	0	0	8
J. H. Hawthorn, run out	4	0	0	8
A. S. Grant, c Meredith, b Hayes	0	0	0	0
D. F. Landale, b Smith	0	0	0	0
J. Sellers, c Stewart, b Smith	0	0	0	0
J. S. Mackay, run out	0	0	0	0
A. M. Smith, b Smith	4	0	0	8
A. D. Macleod, not out	4	0	0	8
B. Summers, run out	0	0	0	0
Extras	3	0	0	6
Total	70	0	0	70

	W	D	L	Pts
Smith	10	2	2	22
Hayes	0	1	1	2
MacLeod	4	0	0	8

Von Cramm Wins Swiss Title

Geneva, Nov. 14.—Gottfried Von Cramm, 39-year-old former German Davis Cup player, who was one of the leading amateurs in the world before the war, won the men's singles title in the Swiss covered courts lawn tennis championship here today.

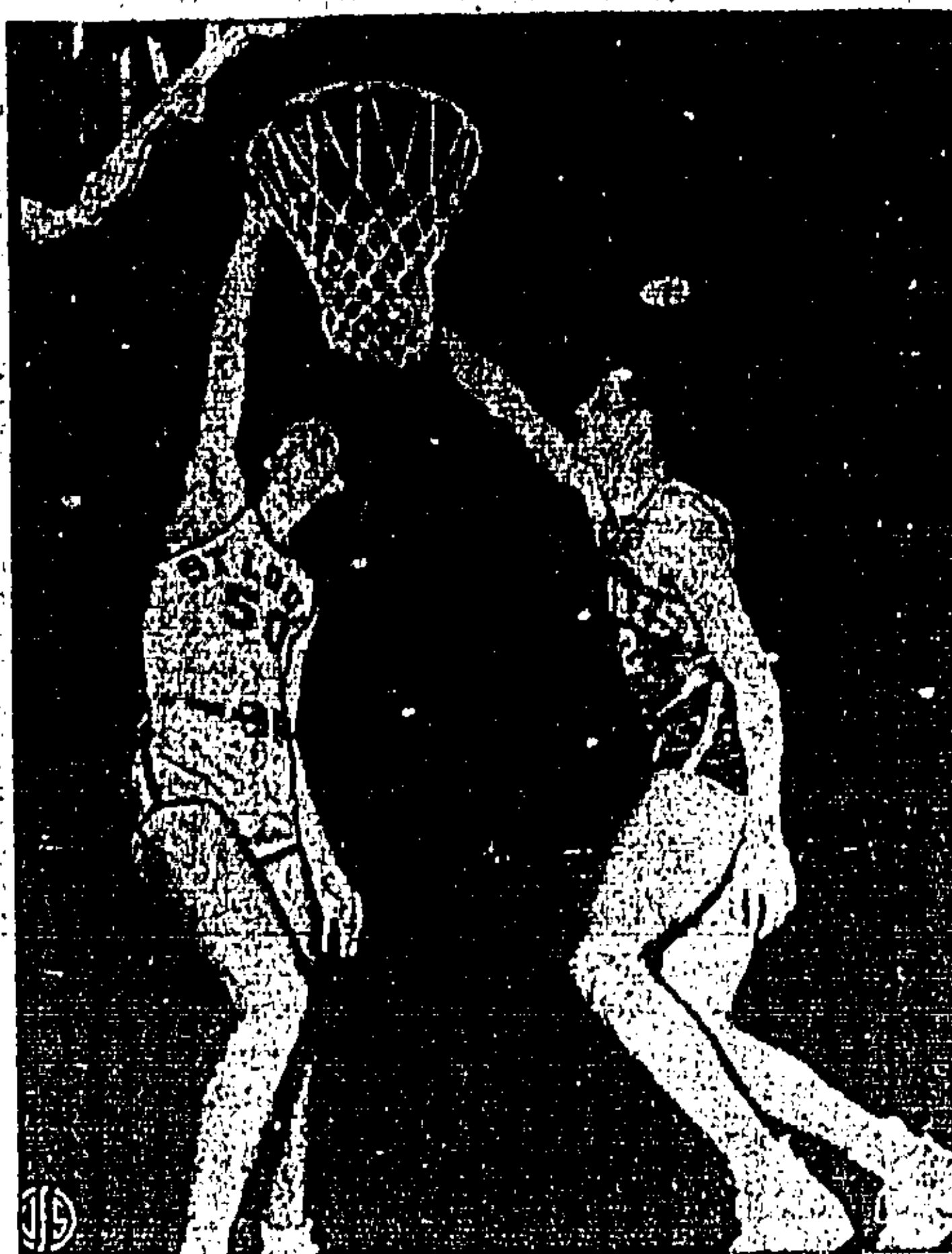
In the final, he beat Gianni Cuculli, the Italian Davis Cup player, by 6-2, 6-2.

In the final of the men's doubles, however, Von Cramm, partnered by D. Fönsle (Sweden), was beaten by Cuculli and Del Bello (Italy) by 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Miss A. Welvers (France) and F. Mikulovic (Yugoslavia) won the mixed doubles final. They beat Madame A. Bost and Del Bello (Italy) by 3-6, 8-1, 6-1.

The women's players, P. Massip, and J. Bartoli, who failed to arrive for the championships, sent a telegram saying they were held up by visa difficulties.—Reuter.

"EASY ED" DUNKS ONE



"Easy Ed" Macauley (left), 6-foot 8-inch star centre of the St. Louis University basketball team who was chosen the nation's top centre by practically every court expert last season, makes it look easy as he drops one during practice.

Teammate Mary Schatzmann fails in attempt to block the shot. Macauley, who has scored 986 points over three seasons, will be shooting to add to the amazing total in his final season with the Billikens.

ALONG DAVIS CUP LINES

World Championship For Baseball

St. Louis, Nov. 14.—The National Baseball Congress announced today that plans have been drafted for a world's series of non-professional baseball teams in Tokyo.

Details of the nine-game series, which would be played immediately after the signing of a peace treaty with Japan, have been sent for approval by Gen. William Marquat, NBC Commissioner for Japan, the Congress said.

The series is planned as an annual event for picking the champions of the Western Hemisphere against the East.

Global Commissioner J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of Sporting News, said that in the first series the expenses of the Western champions would be underwritten by the Congress.

Spink proposed the winner of a United States-Canadian meet be matched with the team emerging from playoffs between South America, Mexico, Cuba and Central America for the Western title. The Philippines, China and Australia, where baseball is played

Louis Risking His Title

New York, Nov. 13.—Commissioner Abe Greene of the National Boxing Association to-day expressed the opinion that Joe Louis is risking his title at least seven times in the next month.

Greene said, "If any of those so-called exhibition opponents should knock out Louis, his title would be in jeopardy. Anytime the heavy champ steps into the ring for a public test of skill his title is in danger—regardless of the number of rounds, length of rounds, and size of gloves and regardless whether a decision is given. Any man who knocked him out would have an extremely strong claim to his title, a claim that probably would be recognised everywhere."

The opponents this month include Jimmy Blains, Billy Conn and Arturo Godoy.—United Press.

SIX MONTHS ONLY

Paris, Nov. 13.—It was decided at the European Boxing Congress here to-day that in future a European champion will be allowed only six months' grace before defending his title instead of nine months as hitherto.

Until now a champion was allowed six months' grace, six weeks to deposit a contract and a further six weeks before the actual contest took place. Henceforth, a champion will be allowed only three months' grace and a further three months in which to sign the contract and arrange for the bout. Seven nations were represented at the Congress.

The Congress named no challenger for Freddie Mills, European cruiserweight title holder.—Reuter.

Badminton Meeting At KCC Tomorrow

Members of the KCC are reminded that there will be a meeting for all those interested in playing Badminton at the Club House at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

The business is to elect a Captain for each of their League teams and a Sub-Committee to run the Badminton evenings, etc. of the Club.

Huge Field Of Acceptors For Manchester Handicap

London, Nov. 14.—Britain's last big handicap on the flat, the Manchester November Handicap, running over one and a half miles next Saturday, November 20, has attracted 47 final acceptors, and although some may drop out there will once again be a huge field for this big farewell prize.

Although competition is so keen, many trainers prepare their charges to capture this prize and each year there are some very big betting coups.

Though there were people who had hardly heard of last year's winner, Regret, which won at 66 to 1, many bookmakers knew all about it subsequently when they found they had to pay out quite large sums of money.

This year's race looks just as open, although if weight of money means anything, coupled with trainer's optimism, then Scotch Comfort, trained by Tom Masson at Lewes on the south coast, should win. This four-year-old gelding by the Derby winner Folstead has some pretensions to class and is only set seven stone six pounds to carry.

Scotch Comfort would have had ten pounds less to carry had he won his last race a few hours earlier. He won the 4 o'clock race at Sandown Park on October 22, whereas the conditions of the race imposed a ten pounds penalty for horses winning after October 21 at noon.

By putting up the apprentice jockey, Cyril Orton, who still claims five pounds, the trainer has halved his handicap and, according to sound information, is very confident of success. Orton is a very fine little boy and the horse should not fail for lack of assistance from the saddle.

The first three last year, Regret, Star of Autumn and Boltonian have accepted, as has Las Vega, who was the winner two years ago. Of this batch, most confidence appears to be behind Star of Autumn and Newmarket is hoping that he will credit headquarters with this prize, especially as horses trained there have done so badly in this year's big handicaps.

Boltonian, who was third last year, will be accompanied to the post by her stable companion, Always. Both are owned by the popular Bolton brewer, Mr. John Hamer.

Judging by the market, Always, a five-year-old mare, is better fancied and with only seven stone five to carry she should be in the fighting line at the finish.

Four lightly-weighted candidates around the seven stone mark, any of whom might easily win, are Lord Roseberry's four-year-old Yoyo, the French-bred filly Balan-celle, the four-year-old Master Dun and the three-year-old Cesarewitch failure, Sportsmanster.

Of this quartet, preference is for Master Dun, who won cleverly over two miles at Ascot in September. He will be ridden by little "Midge".

Richardson, who is having his farewell ride, since next season he is starting up as a trainer.

Higher up in the handicap battle seven stone five and seven stone twelve, there are several prominent candidates in Guerrier, Raven Locks, Vasant, Solandra and Prince Rupert.

The French-bred Guerrier has been significantly backed, while Raven Locks has been going well in home gallops in Gerald Armstrong's Yorkshire establishment.

Vasant, trained by Fred Armstrong, also did a fine gallop the other day and with Edgar, who is the saddle will be the one they all have to beat. Britt will have to put up a few pounds overweight to ride, but the stable connections think that his string handling is well worth it.

Solandra, daughter of Solario, has been left in by Reggie Day in preference to Croupier, who was allotted 10 pounds, which is noteworthy. She, like Always, revels in soft going.

Prince Rupert failed his friends this week when only finishing second, although a holly-backed favourite. He may not be too genuine.

Up at the top of the handicap are Good Taste, Bridle Path, Coubrador and Philadelphia. Good Taste was favourite for the race before the weights were published, but this four-year-old has been allotted more than was anticipated.

Bridle Path is a distinct possibility as the winner. He is coming back to his best form and might easily score for the popular ex-steeple chase jockey, Ted Leader, whose horses are running very well just now.

Coubrador and Philadelphia are both owned by the bookmaker, Mr. Percy Thompson, and trained by George Todd.

Although less than half the field have been mentioned, it would be very surprising if the winner does not come from among them.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"Why, yes, I did get my own breakfast this morning! How did you know?"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Sacrifices Trick To Stop This Contract

752	842	953	A4
QJ3	QJ10	5	72
QJ10	5	72	QJ10
AK10	AK6	AK6	Q852
AK10	AK6	AK6	Q852

Tournament—E-W vul.
South West North East
1 Pass 1 Pass
2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass
Opening—♥ Q 30

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE American Contract Bridge League took its annual Adirondack Tournament back to the Adirondack Inn at Sacandaga Park, N.Y., this year.

Handling a bridge tournament is quite a problem to a hotel manager who has never had one. The meal hours are off schedule and the players are up late at night.

Although most of the major tournament events were formerly won by men, it does not cause even a ripple of excitement today when women win them, as they are now considered as capable as men players. The open pair championship at the Adirondack Tournament this year was won by Mrs. B. Goldman and Mrs. A. P. Hess of New York City, over one of the largest fields in the history of the event.

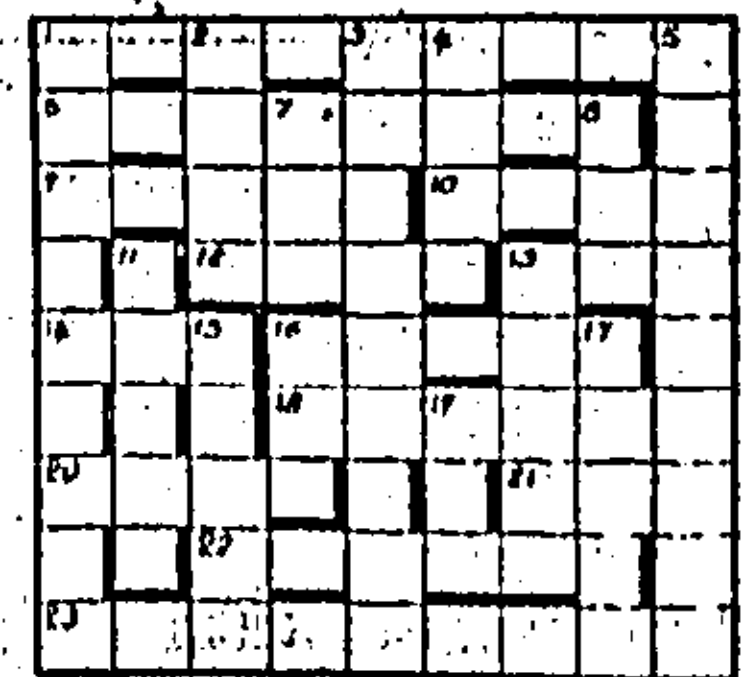
Mrs. Goldman had to make a very unusual play in today's match to defeat the contract. Her partner's opening lead of the queen of hearts was won by declarer with the king. South immediately started to set up the diamond suit, by leading the ten of diamonds. Mrs. Goldman (East) won with the king.

Her natural play now would be to return her partner's heart suit, but if she had done this, declarer would have made the contract. Realizing that South was attempting to set up the diamond suit, her next play was the king of clubs, though she was risking the loss of a club trick.

Declarer did his best by refusing to win this trick, and Mrs. Goldman continued with another club. Dummy had to win with the ace and a diamond was returned. If Mrs. Goldman had made the mistake of winning this with the ace, she again South could have made the contract. But she let declarer hold the trick, and now he was unable to cash nine tricks.

The lead of the king of clubs into the ace is the play called the Deschappelles Coup.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
1. They are just like ones to chain poems (9)
6. To the Greeks a letter and a half (6)
9. He's just naturally greedy (8)
10. Image (4)
12. Deformed ears (4)

DUMB BELLS

IM KEEPING YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT A SECRET, DEAR, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO DON'T BUY A NEW WATCH!



Check Your Knowledge

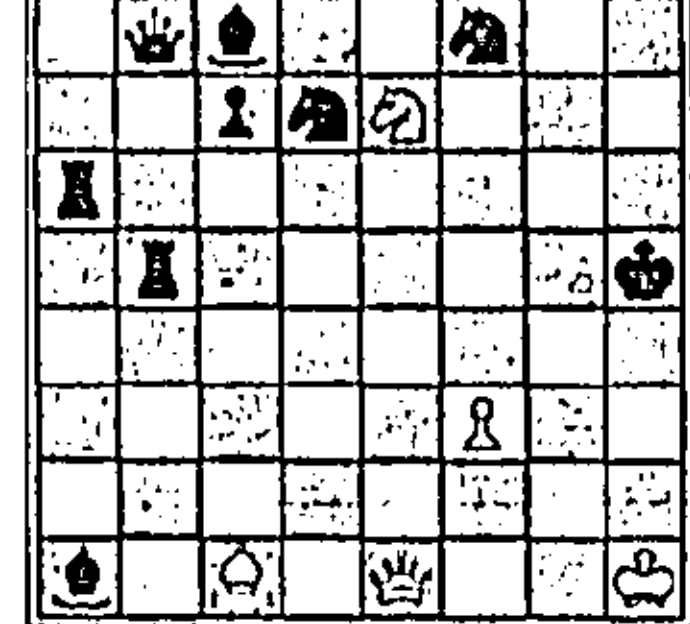
- Name the three masts of a full rigged ship.
- Since when has Thomas E. Dewey been Governor of New York?
- What English poet had a club foot?
- Name the chief food products obtained from hogs.
- Name the most northern point in Europe.
- Do most Eskimos live in igloos?

(Answers on Column 5)

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. BRUNNER

Black, 9 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-B2; threats 2. B-B7 (ch), B-Q4 (ch), 1... KxKt (Kt); 2. Q-B6 (ch); 1... KxKt (Kt); 2. Q-Q1 (ch); 1... P-Q5; 2. Kt-Kt7.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BORN today, you have a great deal of natural genius, but it needs careful development for the fulfillment of your ultimate goal in life. You have the ability to overcome obstacles. You must never sit back and wait for opportunity to knock, but go out and find it yourself. Be preceptive and constructive in your thinking and you can secure the very best which life has to offer.

You have excellent taste and an innate love of beauty. You are meticulous in accomplishing a given task and have a good head for science, mathematics and the social sciences. You would make an excellent statesman, once given a cause for which to fight.

Quiet and rather unassuming by nature, you have excellent judgment and can be depended upon to make a correct decision. Although you are more inclined to hold fast to tried and tested traditions, you have distinct personal tastes and whims which sometimes make you capricious in your personal contacts.

You are one to separate your public and personal life. Fond of your own home and family, you wish to wed early. Although you may appear cool to casual acquaintances, you are warm-hearted and affectionate when it comes to your own.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Harmonious contacts with all friends and business associates are all important right now. Be tactful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Energy and good judgment will overcome all minor hindrances to your progress. Personal efforts count.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Slight adversities will hamper your best progress, but be alert and you will conquer most of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A poor day. Guard your health and side-step any kind of an argument. Be conciliatory.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Personal ambition and forwardness will pay you excellent dividends, so don't procrastinate.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Be careful in signing papers, but ordinary merchandising should show an increase in sales now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Steady plodding is what counts today. Make your future plans, but hold off in executing them for a better time.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Patience with opposition rather than an argumentative aggressiveness will pay better dividends now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Not your day! Guard health and don't overdo. Be alert, also, to any possible misrepresentations.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are fair in your dealings with others, then all will go well. An unexpected romance can be interesting.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Make haste slowly today. Carelessness in the smallest details can upset the apple cart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Be conservative. There are opposing forces operating today, so be alert to potential trouble and avert it.

Belgium; An Oasis in Europe

By TEMPLE MANNING

AN orderly island of happiness and comparative plenty in a sea of trouble—that's Belgium's status in Europe. Maintaining her rapid recovery from occupation and from the dislocation of war, little Belgium is going great guns and is again playing host to happy holiday folk. Particularly is this so of one of Europe's most popular playgrounds, the resorts of the forty-mile coast line extending from France to Holland.

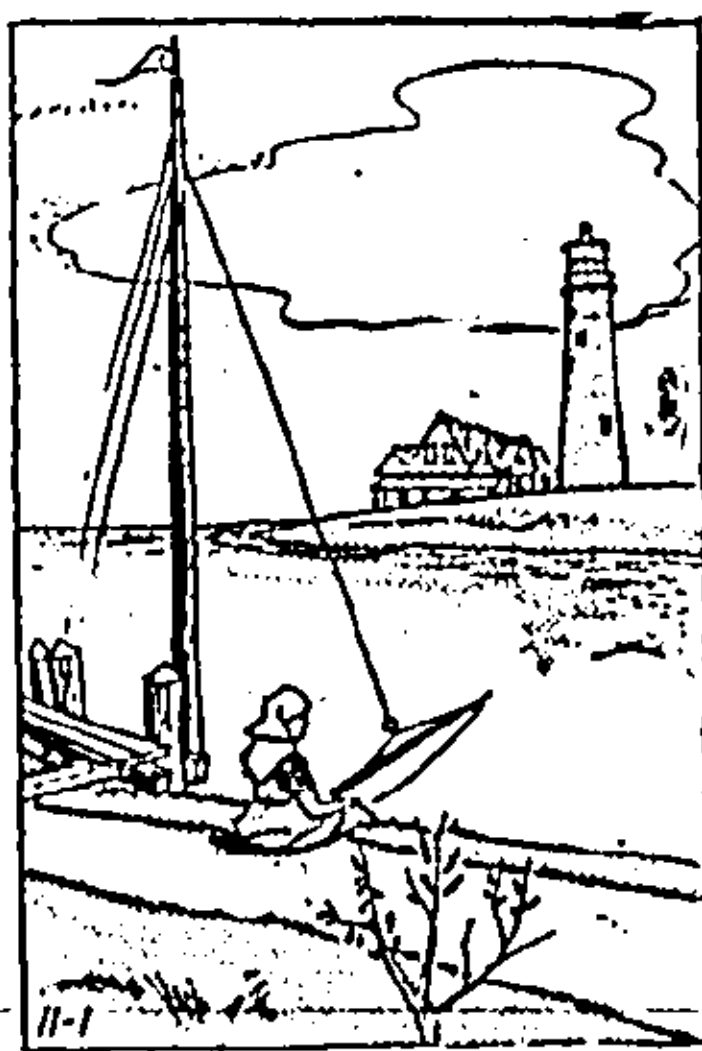
Ostend, Nieuport, Blankenberghe, Westend, La Zoute and Heyst all have their supporters, with Ostend the best known to visitors from abroad. The Belgian coastline forms a wonderful, spacious uninterrupted beach that varies in width from 600 to 1,500 feet. The beach has a uniform gradual slope and behind it rise dunes from 45 to 100 feet in height, forming a natural embankment. Pine groves add to the beauty of surf, sand and dunes and make the area a fascinating one apart from the seashore attractions.

Stone Promenades

Over ten miles of the coastline is linked by stone promenades or digues that link some of the principal resorts and make walking by the sea a delight. And since the stone walks are lined mostly with fine hotels, pensions, cafes, clubs and restaurants, rather than with shops and refreshment stands, the promenade has an air of dignity, and in some instances, luxury. Electric trolleys and motor bus routes link the resorts so there is no difficulty about getting from place to place in a jiffy.

Ostend is the big attraction, a position it has held since the nineties, drawing visitors from all over the world, and a particular favourite with European honeymooners in happier days. Once it was a royal playground, but has long since lost that dubious distinction to Deauville, Biarritz and Cannes. It has some really sumptuous hotels and some very nice pensions or boarding houses.

Before the war, the present Regent of Belgium used to spend much time at a beautiful royal residence on the promenade. A very long and beautiful gallery



Along the Belgian Coast.

running westward from the royal villa is open to the public. Far outshining any royal residence is the Kursaal or Casino, an immense, glistening circular edifice, right on the seashore, set in beautiful grounds bright with colorful flower beds. A magnificent white ballroom, the gaming rooms, the reading rooms and a huge billiard room can be converted into a single hall that accommodates over 10,000 persons.

Ostend has long been one of the favorite recital dates for singers, orchestras and musicians from all over the world.

Mineral Baths

Apart from its delights as a playground, Ostend takes itself seriously as a spa. At the Parc Leopold there is a handsome pavilion for mineral baths and for quaffing the medicinal waters.

Right at the park entrance is one of the landmarks of Ostend—a large, sloping flower bed designed as a clock dial.

Other beauty spots include Central Park, the race track and numerous gardens all with beautiful flower beds, including one with the city's municipal seal. Shop windows are a delight, and visitors from other European lands appear quite dazzled by the variety of goods not only on display but offered for sale. As a change from the delights of the seashore, visitors make the 14-mile trip to Bruges for one of the world famous carillon concerts, an unforgettable and thrilling treat.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

12.30. Daily Programme Summary:
12.30. London Radio Orchestra conducted by Denis Wright (BBC); 1. Light Piano Parade; 1.15. News; Weather Report and Announcements; 1.25. Orchestral Interlude; 1.30. The Richard Tauber Programme with Greta, Olga Gwynne (BBC); 2. Close down.

6. Programme Summary: 6.01. "It's Swing Time"; 6.30. Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7. World and Home News (London Relay); 7.15. Billy Mayerl (Studio) and His Orchestra; 7.30. Leonard Becket (Inter-continental); 7.45. The Band of the Royal Artillery (Plymouth); Conducted and Introduced by Lieut. V. Ivey, Director of Music; 8.01. "I Like What I Like"; presented by Tom Wheeler (Studio); 8.10. A Programme of Latest 12.30. Concerts in "Waterlogged Spa" (London Relay); 10.45. Dance to Gerald and His Orchestra; 11.15. Weather Report and Close down.

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

DOCTORS often talk of "extending the span of life," but one of them has a serious reason for wanting to do so. He wishes to see people of 70 and 80, and even older, continuing to work, "in view of the manpower shortage."

I suppose a healthy octogenarian could watch a conveyor belt, but if he had been doing it all his life he might prefer to retire. His wishes, however, probably have nothing to do with the matter, as he is only a unit of personnel, and must function according to schedule.

Sealed orders?

AS the Saucy Mrs. Flobster lay, or rather moldered, at her so-called moorings, there came alongside a little boat rowed by a fat old man in a peaked hat. From the stern floated the flag of Lois-road Power Station. The fat man heard the voice of Mrs. Gregson, and approached an open porthole. "If harder be you," sang Mrs. Gregson, as she emptied a pail of fish-scales and dirty water over the fat man who was standing up in his boat. "Yes, it had to be me," retorted the visitor, wiping the muck from his head and clothes. He then delivered a letter from the Admiral. "Sealed orders," I suppose," said Mrs. Gregson, "to be hepped at sea."

What smart women are wearing

MELISSANDE writes: The new hip-length hat covers the head and face completely, and the brim rests on two pretty wooden pegs attached to the hips. It can be raised to chin level by tugging at a malleable tasselled red silk cord which fastens by a silver clip to the crown. An oblong ventilator in the side of the hat enables the wearer to breathe a bit, and there are slits for the eyes and the mouth, but none for the nose, which fits into a small tussore bag inserted in the lining of the hat.

Good news

THE lesson to be learned from the 14-minute flight from London to Paris is that if you have an hour and a quarter to spare you may soon be able to fly to Paris and back without having to stay there longer than is necessary to get the plane ready for the return journey.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It closes before 10 a.m. registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TO-DAY

Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Kuning, Luchow, Swatow, Amoy, Taipei and Foochow 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Madras, Cairo, Alexandria, Suez, Port Said, Haifa, Beirut, Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon, Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Kuning, Luchow, Swatow, Amoy, Taipei and Foochow 3.30 p.m.
Mandala, Aden and Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.
Halifax (Sea) 3 p.m.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer

- Fore, main and mizzen.
- Since 1942.
- Lord Byron.
- Bacon, pork, ham and lard.
- North Cape, at the tip of Norway, reaching into the Barents Sea.
- No, only about one-quarter actually use igloos for winter living quarters and over half of the Eskimos in the world may have never seen an igloo.

DAB and FLOUNDER



By WALTER

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Norway To Buy More From Eastern Europe

Oslo, Nov. 13.—Norway must shift her import of grain, flour, and other foodstuffs from American countries to Eastern Europe as part of her efforts to solve her dollar problems, export circles contend.

IMPROVED SUPPLY OF TIMBER

Washington, Nov. 13.—The timber supply improved slightly during the first half of 1948, but prices generally remained at record highs, the Commerce Department reported.

It estimated that supplies during April, May, and June totalled 20,500,000 board feet, some 1,500,000,000 higher than the same period in 1947 and up 2,000,000,000 from January, February and March.

Total 1947 production was estimated at 36,000,000,000 board feet, the highest since 1925. The revised estimate placed West Coast production at 6,700,000,000 board feet, 1,100,000,000 more than previously estimated.

Despite the improvement, the Department said, supplies showed a "continuing lack of balance" at retail outlets. Retailers apparently were avoiding "extensive additional stock accumulations" because of "financing considerations."

It said that prices in general were apparently "at new average highs." It added that prices for lower grades have been "softening," but that those for higher grades generally were "remaining firm."

The Department predicted that 20,700,000,000 board feet of all types would be used for New York, maintenance, and repair during the year. That compares with 24,400,000,000 board feet consumed in 1947. It also expects a bigger supply in 1948 of hardwood flooring, one of the most scarce of building materials. Production during the early months indicates that this year's output may exceed 850,000,000 board feet, an all-time high, it said.—United Press.

MORE GRANTS UNDER ECA

Washington, Nov. 14.—The ECA today announced that it had made preliminary authorizations totalling US\$23,345,203 for the week ending November 10, including US\$23,277,000 for Communist-ridden China. Industrial rather than food items dominated the week's grants to Austria, Belgium, Bizonia (Germany), Denmark, France, the French zone of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Trieste, the United Kingdom and China.

Authorizations were for commodities and raw materials such as tobacco, cotton, machinery, equipment, petroleum, timber and sawmill products, as well as foodstuffs. Industrial authorizations accounted for US\$13,683,539 of total grants and food and agricultural items were US\$10,440,970 or 44 per cent of the total expended.

FRANCE IN LEAD
France, with total grants for the week of US\$149,309,928, led all Western European recovery plan nations in aid received. She also remains in top place on total authorizations.

Britain is in second place with total grants of US\$632,244,347, Italy a low third with US\$314,400,443 and Bizonia (Germany) fourth with US\$279,113,800.

Food and agriculture items still lead industrial commodities in the general recovery picture. Up to November 10, ECA had authorized the expenditure of US\$1,323,308,079 for food and related items. For industrial goods it issued grants totalling US\$1,212,076,775.—United Press.

Poland's New Trade Agreement

Brussels, Nov. 14.—Poland has signed trade agreement with the Belgium-Luxembourg economic union. The agreement provides for exchange of goods between the three countries to the value of 1,200 Belgian francs in each direction.

The agreement will operate for 12 months ending December 31, 1949. Poland will supply coal, wheat, potatoes, sugar and other raw materials. Belgium and Luxembourg will supply Poland with industrial equipment, chemicals, dyes and raw materials.—Reuter.

Gold Yuan Cost Of Living Index

Shanghai, Nov. 15.—With the first cost of living index since August 10 due to be announced today, Shanghai residents, especially office employees and workers are wildly speculating on the first gold yuan index upon which hinges their livelihood for the next half month.

The index will be announced upon the conclusion of a meeting to be held at the City Government Auditorium, and will be based on a wide range of commodity prices since the price unfreezing order on November 1.—Reuter.

Norway has never been able to rely upon her own agriculture for sufficient supply of bread and coarse grain. In prewar days, only one fifth of the Norwegian grain consumption was supplied by home production, and the remainder was imported, especially from Canada, Argentina, and the United States. Norway also made the import of fodder for cattle the basis of her production of meat, bacon and other animal products.

Agricultural production in Norway has not yet reached the prewar level. With an increase of her population by about 10 per cent and an agricultural production still lagging some eight to 10 per cent behind the prewar figures, Norway must raise her food production some 20 per cent to secure a living standard for her people comparable with prewar.

There is still a long way to go before the Norwegians reach the average food consumption of the prewar period. Taking the average consumption of bread and flour in 1938 to be 100, the corresponding figures for 1946 and 1947 would be 91 and 89 respectively. For the consumption of meat the figures are 82 and 88 for the same period.

IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS

The total value of imported foodstuffs during 1947 amounted to 504.7 millions kroner, or approximately US\$100,000,000. About half this amount was paid for 410,107 long tons of bread, grain and flour.

More than 50 per cent of this came from North and South American countries, and another 23 per cent from other countries demanding payment in hard currency. The grain import from the Soviet Union was not important, amounting only to some 33 million kroner. During 1948 Norway will take almost half of her bread grain from the Soviet Union, which under the current trade agreement is shipping 150,000 tons of wheat. Minor grain imports are also taken from other Eastern European countries.

RAISING PRODUCTION

This trend will be all the more evident during the four years of the European Recovery Programme, when it will be most necessary for Norway to save her dollar resources for imports which can be obtained only in hard currency countries.

As part of her long term reconstruction programme, the Norwegian Government is to invest 1,200,000,000 kroner to raise agricultural production. This will demand an increase of cultivated area by 150,000 acres during 1948-1952, nearly doubling the number of tractors and agricultural machines—and a considerable increase of the cattle stock.

It will also require some 20,000 new agricultural workers.—United Press.

REFUNDMENT ON TURKISH BONDS

London, Nov. 14.—The Council of Foreign Bondholders announced yesterday that a sterling amount is now available in London sufficient to pay one shilling and 11 pence on each participation certificate number five (unpaid half coupon of December 1937) for Turkish debt 7½ per cent 1935.

The announcement says that the Council, "being unable to hold out any prospect of more favourable terms becoming available, recommends holders to present their certificates for payment at the Ottoman Bank, Abchurch Lane, London.—Associated Press.

India's Licensed Imports

New Delhi, Nov. 14.—The Indian Government tonight announced that it is openly licensing these articles for import from "soft" currency countries:

Liquor, cigars, cigarettes, fireworks, gold and silver plated ware, cutlery, motor cars, ivory and silk, and art silk fabrics.

Toilet requisites are included, but not talcum powder, tooth powder or paste, shaving soap and cream.

The move is intended to check inflation and free the import trade.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
Sterling pound note (per £) 14.50
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.35
Australian dollar (per £1) 3.65
FIC plaques (per 100) 3.65
Siam baht (per 100) 36.20
Indonesian (per 100) 32.20
Gold yuan 244

Draft Of Atlantic Pact Expected To Be Completed Soon

FRANCE'S SIX PROPOSALS

Washington, Nov. 14.—Diplomatic circles here expect the Permanent Commission of the Brussels Pact power, meeting in London, will complete within the next few days a draft of the North Atlantic Pact.

It will then be considered by the State Department and the Committee of the Brussels Pact powers' Ambassadors. Details of a reported French draft have appeared in American papers and have apparently been accepted by diplomatic sources as authoritative.

The French draft, as reported here, provides for:

- 1.—A 50-year alliance for mutual defence to be signed by the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.
- 2.—A Permanent Secretariat.
- 3.—Periodic consultations of the Foreign Ministers of the signatory powers.
- 4.—Immediate action in case any one or more of them is attacked by an aggressor State.
- 5.—General military collaboration.
- 6.—Provision for immediate consultation if hostilities broke out.

CANADIAN POLICY

The Canadian Embassy in Washington have now made public several official statements made this year on Canadian Government policy on the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

The statements by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, contain a definition of three basic objectives for the pact.

1.—A collective Security League composed of States willing to accept more specific and onerous obligations than those contained in the Charter of the United Nations, in return for greater national security than the United Nations could now give.

2.—The creation and maintenance for the defence of freedom and peace of overwhelming moral, economic and military force over any adversary or possible combination of adversaries and the necessary unity for its effective use.

3.—The establishment of the new collective Security League within the framework of Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, which permits the development of such regional pacts.

TO SHARE RESOURCES

Statements by Mr. L. B. Pearson after his appointment as Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs give further details as to how these objectives are to be achieved.

1.—Sharing of resources. It would be the task of a North Atlantic Security system to agree upon a fair allocation of duties among the participating countries, under which each would undertake to do that share of the joint defence and production job that it could do most effectively.

2.—A Permanent Council of the North Atlantic powers. If the ob-

Forrestal Says He Is Resigning

Berlin, Nov. 14.—The United States Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, today said he had informed President Truman that he would resign. Commenting on reports that he intended to resign shortly, Mr. Forrestal said, "That is a matter to be determined by the President. I have informed him I will be unable to remain throughout his entire administration."

Mr. Forrestal is on a flying inspection trip of Western Europe. He praised General Lucius Clay, the American commander, for his job in directing the airlift and meeting the Berlin crisis. He termed the airlift a good investment for peace. The Secretary held a press conference at the airport before taking off for Frankfurt with General Clay. He left Washington last week for Paris and conferred with Government leaders there and in London before arriving here. He spent 17 hours in Berlin.

MAY SEE "MONTY"

Mr. Forrestal said he had no plans for meeting Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of Staff of the Western Union, but added that he might see the British war leader before returning to the United States within a few days. He refused to comment on whether America would provide arms and ammunition for the Western European armies.

Last night, Mr. Forrestal dined privately with General Clay, the U.S. Ambassador to Russia (Lt.-Gen. Walter Bedell Smith) and General Clay's political adviser (Mr. Robert Murphy).

On reaching Frankfurt, Mr. Forrestal reported that he wanted to leave his post as Secretary of Defence. He said also that Washington was studying plans to reinforce the airlift's C-54 Skymaster with a new type of transport plane. However, he added, no definite decision has been made. He said the airlift was an historic development in the use of air transport.

He told Frankfurt newsmen he came to Europe "because I have always wanted to see the airlift and wanted a general impression of the situation in Europe"—United Press.

Disturbed By Election Result

London, Nov. 14.—Leaders of the Labour Party are likely to initiate an early check and revision of the party's electoral machinery throughout the country following the bye-election at Edmonton, in the northern suburbs of London.

The figures in the Edmonton results were: Mr. Austen Albu (Labour) 20,104, Mr. H. Hubbard (Conservative) 22,837.

Though the Government held the seat with a majority of 3,227, the result showed a swing of 15,000 votes to the Conservatives, Labour, fighting against a Conservative and an Independent candidate, had a majority of 19,000 at the general election in 1945.

In the total of about 30 Labour victories in bye-elections, Edmonton represents the most spectacular drop in party support. A country-wide loss of votes proportionate to that at Edmonton could, it is pointed out, mean the defeat of Labour in the next general election in 1950.

The party has not expected to repeat in the bye-elections the "landslide" majorities of 1945, but there was fairly wide expectation of a five-figure win at Edmonton, which has a considerable industrial population.

The Conservative Party has recently been strengthening its local organisations throughout the country and has made a national campaign for members. Political quarters think that the Edmonton bye-election reflects this activity directly.—Reuter.

Jewish Underground Hospital



An Israeli doctor and nurse attend a wounded soldier in an underground hospital located in the Negev Desert village of Negba. First Jewish settlement in the desert, has been battered into a ruin by Arab shells, Israelis claim. Soldiers occupying the ruins have built an underground village.—AP Picture.

Peace Appeal Turns Spotlight On Mr Truman

Paris, Nov. 14.—The urgent peace appeal by the top leaders of the United Nations to the four Great Powers, threw the spotlight on President Harry Truman.

It was aimed directly at him in the hope, expressed privately here in UN circles, that he would throw the weight of his power behind new moves for peace.

Dr. Herbert V. Ewart, United Nations Assembly President, and Mr. Trygve Lie, UN Secretary General, waited anxiously today for some sign from the Americans on the reaction of the President.

UN officials said they did not expect a reply for several days.

The United States delegation said the answer, when it comes, would be given by Secretary of State George C. Marshall who so far has kept his own counsel on the letter.

An American spokesman said the reply would be considered in consultations with the Government of Britain and France. This indicated the Western Powers would agree among themselves on their answers.

TRUMAN'S POSITION

UN officials, who would not be quoted, expect that Marshall Stalin will take up the letter quickly with a reply that he is ready to talk at any time.

The position President Truman plays in the UN moves here can be summed up now after numerous talks with UN officials and delegates who have studied the election returns thoroughly.

The general view is that the President is a man of peace elected by the little fellow who was satisfied with what he was doing toward ending the world's trouble.

With the backing of that position, the UN delegates reason that to can peace talks. These delegates point out that actually the four Great Powers are obligated by a Mexican resolution to which they agreed unanimously.

In that sense they saw Truman, Stalin, Attlee and Quezelle are already committed to start active steps to settle their disputes.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

The Mexican resolution, calling for Big Power co-operation, takes on great importance now that the Ewart-Lie letter is on the records.

The Mexican resolution passed unanimously through the Assembly's 14-nation Steering Committee, unanimously through the 58-nation Political Committee and unanimously through the General Assembly.

During these moves Ewart and Lie were worrying about what to do to try to ease the Berlin situation and world troubles.

The text of the letter to the four Chiefs of State of the four countries in the letter sent yesterday is this:

"Your delegations voted for the Mexican resolution. Your delegations say their government put great moral weight on an Assembly decision therefore did you mean it when you agreed to co-operate for peace."

THE PUZZLE

The resolution calls on the United States, France, Britain, China and Russia to "redouble their efforts in a spirit of solidarity and mutual understanding to secure in the briefest possible time the final settlement of the war and the conclusion of all peace settlements."

Just how the four could get together is a puzzle here now, Mr. Ewart said, that is a technical matter—that if the four great powers really want to get together they can get together.

Some officials and commentators in Paris said they viewed the Ewart-Lie letter as a victory for the Russians.

They point out that the Western Powers have said they would not negotiate the Berlin case under duress of the Berlin blockade. They say that Ewart and Lie are actually trying to get the West to negotiate under duress.

But persons close to Ewart and Lie argue that the Western Powers actually have been negotiating on Berlin by their talks with the six neutral countries on the Security Council.

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Full Speed Ahead For American Arms Shipments To China

Washington, Nov. 14.—The United States Army and Navy have ordered full speed ahead for American arms shipments to China. To avoid delays from the West coast shipping strike or other causes, American Naval and Army vessels will carry weapons, ammunition and military supplies, officials said on Sunday.

Many appear deeply pessimistic, however, that the shipments can themselves alter Chinese Nationalist chances of halting the Communist advance, north of Nanking or elsewhere.

The arms, paid for out of the \$125,000,000 Congress voted for Chinese military aid, may fall short of replacing those believed lost by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops in North China and Manchuria.

In any event weapons are viewed here as much less important to the Nationalists at this stage than leadership and fighting spirit.

30 DIVISIONS LOST

Between the loss of Tsinnan, capital of Shantung province, and the fall of Mukden in Manchuria, a few weeks later, authoritative reports indicated the Nationalist lost more than 30 divisions. Several went over bodily to the Communists. At least 10 divisions are believed to have had American weapons, supplied when the United States Army trained and partially equipped 30 divisions for Chiang Kai-shek at the close of World War II.

American policy then and since has been to supply Nanking with as marginal needs to keep the upper hand over the Communists. Officials suspect now the margin has been wiped out.

The Communist forces presumably make use of much of the loot, though some of the latest aid, but authorities made plain it would not delay the effort to bolster Nanking.

There is concern now that the same fate of capture may befall some of the latest aid, but authorities made plain it would not delay the effort to bolster Nanking.

BEGINNING TO MOVE

The \$125,000,000 military aid was appropriated by Congress last April 3 at the same time that \$338,000,000 was earmarked for economic assistance. The first major arms shipments are just now moving.

Chairman Styles "Bridges", Republican, of the Joint Congressional Watchdog Committee on foreign aid programmes, blames the State Department for the seven month lag. Diplomatic and military officials lay it to the Chinese themselves for failing to list their needs more promptly, and to administrative tangles.

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Auld Lang Syne In Tientsin

Tientsin, Nov. 15.—Britons and Americans gathered at this North China port's fashionable Country Club last night and said goodbye to the soft strains of Auld Lang Syne. They were enjoying their last weekend dance before evacuation, caused by the onrush of the Chinese civil war.

There were waltzes and rhumbas in a uniselled atmosphere of mild bewilderment and many feigned smiles and laughter in a world where the talk is now mainly of the impending evacuation and the tragedy of it all.

One American naval officer in naval uniform attended to the presence in the river of the first evacuation vessel. Throughout the evening, he symbolised the reality of the crisis.

As this handful of Britons and Americans sipped their last cocktails together, the American consular warning that "never evacuation on an emergency basis may be impossible" flashed through many minds.

Refusal to surrender what many have come to regard as "home" fought all night with the natural instinct to seek security from the buffeting of danger.

When dawn broke in the eastern sky and the time for final farewells approached, many Tientsin "die-hards" wondered:

Firstly, what were the prospects ahead?

Secondly, would communications continue?

Thirdly, would trade be possible? Fourthly, would the Haiho River be blockaded?—Reuter.

POPE'S VACATION ENDING

London, Nov. 14.—The Pope will return to the Vatican City on November 27 after a stay of about four months in his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo. Rome Radio said tonight.—Reuter.

An Unlucky Lady



Gertrude Niesen (above), reported the loss of \$11,000 in jewellery to Philadelphia police. She said she left the jewels in a taxicab while returning to a Philadelphia hotel after a trip to New York to examine recovered valuables stolen from her apartment a few days before.—AP Picture.

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